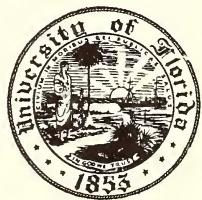


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whose prayers, life and example
brought me to Christ.*

INTRODUCTION

Next to the Holy Scriptures, poetry has helped mankind more than anything I know. Poetry has brought many glorious climaxes to messages. Poetry has comforted many bereaved people through the ages. Poetry has cheered the lonely. Poetry has given hope to the hopeless. Yes, there is no limit to the power of Christian poetry.

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The Bible

MY COMPANION

When quiet in my room I sit,
Thy Book be my companion still;
My joy Thy sayings to repeat,
Talk o'er the records of Thy will,
And search the oracles divine,
Till every heartfelt word is mine.

Charles Wesley

THE WORD OF GOD

I love Thy Word, O God:
Its pages brightly shine,
A beacon light along the road
That leads to truth divine.

I love Thy Word, O God:
For comfort freely given;
For inner peace that keeps my soul,
And gives me thoughts of heaven.

I love Thy Word, O God:
For songs of purest joy,
That fill this pilgrim heart of mine,
And lips of praise employ.

I love Thy Word, O God:
That tells me of Thy Son;
Of His redemption on the cross
For needy sinners won.

I love Thy Word, O God:
It ne'er shall pass away,
Till earth's dark night of sin shall turn
To God's own perfect day.

J. Harold Gwynne

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH

I supposed I knew my Bible,
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis.
You who treat the crown of writings
As you treat no other book —
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude impatient look —
Try a worthier procedure!
Try a broad and steady view.
You will kneel in very rapture,
When you read the Bible through!

Amos R. Wells

THE BIBLE

There is wisdom in the Bible
That all science cannot know;
There we find strong men of courage
As they seeds of Gospel sow,
There are poetry, and beauty,
And wise parables that tell
In most simple words, great wisdom;
We should read, and heed them well!

There is glory in the Bible!
All creation sings God's praise;
We find help, and strength and courage
For the roughest earthly ways;
There is comfort for the lonely,
There is peace for tempest-tossed;
There is rest for those aweary;
And our Saviour paid its cost!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

The Bible

MY BIBLE AND I

We've traveled together through life's rugged way,
O'er land and o'er water, by night and by day;
To travel without it I never would try;
We keep close together, my Bible and I.

In sorrow I've proved it my comfort and joy;
When weak, my strong tower which nought can destroy
When death comes so near me 'tis thought I would die,
We still are together, my Bible and I.

If powers of evil against me would come,
And threaten to rob me of heaven and home,
God's Word then directs me to Him in the sky;
And nothing can part us, my Bible and I.

When evil temptations are brought to my view,
And I in my weakness know not what to do,
On Christ as my strength I am taught to rely;
We conquer together, my Bible and I.

When life's path is ended—if Jesus should come,
And take all His Blood-purchased brethren home,
Or if, in longsuffering, He waits till I die—
We'll never be parted, my Bible and I.

With all His redeemed gathered safe in the fold,
And when in the glory my Lord I behold,
My Bible and I close companions will be,
For God's Word abides for all eternity.

MY OLD BIBLE

Though the cover is worn,
And the pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of tears,
Yet more precious than gold
Is this Book worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my fears.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my way;
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens the mind,
As I read it and heed it each day.

To this Book I will cling,
Of its worth I will sing,
Though great losses and crosses be mine;
For I cannot despair,
Though surrounded by care,
While possessing this blessing divine.

GOD'S TREASURE

There is a Treasure,
Rich beyond measure,
Offered to mortals today;
Some folk despise it,
Some criticize it,
Some would explain it away.

Some never read it,
Some never heed it,
Some say "It's long had its day";
Some people prize it,
And he who tries it
Finds it his comfort and stay.

God gave this Treasure,
Rich beyond measure,
His Word, we call it today.
Let us believe it,
Gladly receive it,
Read, mark, and learn to obey.

A. M. N.

The Bible — The Blood

THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

I stood one day beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;

Then, looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.

"How many anvils have you had?" said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"

"Just one," he said, then said with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so methought the anvil of God's Word.
For ages skeptics' blows have beat upon

And though the noise of falling blow was heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone.

BELIEVE THE BIBLE

There are some who believe the Bible,
And some who believe in part,
And some who trust with a reservation,
And some with all their heart.
But I know that its every promise
Is firm and true always;
It is tried as the precious silver,
And it means just what it says.
It is strange we trust each other,
And only doubt our Lord;
We will take the word of mortals,
And yet distrust His word;
But, oh, what light and glory
Would shine o'er all our days
If we always would remember
That He means just what He says.

A. B. Simpson

The Blood

IN MY PLACE

Thy Blood was shed for me,
My life belongs to Thee.
With Thee I died, with Thee I rose.
Thou livest now in me.

Thy body bruised for me.
How can I thankless be,
Or hesitate to offer mine
A sacrifice to Thee?

Blood from Thy thorn-pierced brow
Washed my vile thoughts away.
Take captive ev'ry thought, O Christ,
And teach them to obey.

Blood from Thy nail-pierced hands
Cleansed all my evil deeds.
Now use my strength in youth, my Lord,
To sow Thy precious seed.

Thy feet were pierced with nails
Because mine went astray.
Lord, keep me walking in the light
Of Thine eternal way.

Thy back was lashed that mine,
Bent low beneath my sin,
Might lose its load at Calvary
And I the race might win.

Esther Archibald

The Blood – Calvary

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

When the enemy surrounds you,
coming on you as a flood,
And the fiery darts beset you,
that's the time to plead the Blood.

When your task seems much too heavy,
and you are misunderstood,
Let this be your pledge and token,
There is power in Jesus' Blood.

When life brings you only losses
and withholds from you the good,
Just rejoice to bear the crosses;
trusting Jesus' precious Blood.

As you live your life's short story,
for each problem, thought or mood,
All sufficient is the glory
of the Lord's atoning Blood.

Herald of Holiness

Calvary

WE'LL NEVER KNOW

We'll never know what suffering
Our Saviour had to bear
When He, upon that cruel cross
In shame did die up there;
But this we know, our debt was paid
Upon that cross of woe,
When God upon His Son outpoured
His wrath, so long ago.

We'll never know the price He paid
To take away our sin,
When He went down into the depths
Where none had entered in;
But this we know, God punished Him
To pardon you and me;
And now God's claims are met,
We can from guilt be free.

We'll never know how great God's love
Drew from His heart this plan,
That brought the Saviour from above
To die for sinful man;
But this we know, He loves us still
And seeks us in His grace,
That with the Son of His dear love,
In heav'n we have a place.

A. Hoellein

THY NAIL-PIERCED HANDS

Jesus, my Lord, when I look upon Thee
And Thy nail-pierced hands fast to the
tree,
All wretched pride melts 'neath Thy
cross;
Things of this world become as dross.

Jesus, My Lord, when I look upon Thee
And Thy nail-pierced hands outstretched
toward me,
All self desires melt 'neath Thy gaze;
One desire looms: Thine, Lord, always!

Jesus, my Lord, when I look upon Thee
And Thy nail-pierced hands broken for
me,

Things of this world grow dimmer still;
One wish remains: Master, Thy will!

Jesus, my Lord, when I look upon Thee
And Thy nail-pierced hands bleeding
for me,
This heart and soul melt 'neath such love;
Jesus, my Lord, sent from above.

Kathryn Bowsher

Calvary

IN MEMORY OF TWO SONS

Somewhere upon a battlefield,
In a war of bygone years,
One of our nation's brave sons fell,
And brought a mother's tears;
An unsung hero of our land
Died so we might be free,
I'd like to take his hand in mine,
Say, "Thanks, you died for me,
Though some may soon forget, by one
You shall remembered be."

Somewhere upon a lonely hill,
On a rugged cross of wood,
Another Son laid down His life —
The precious Son of God;
Somewhere in heaven up above
It brought a Father's tears,
And so He knows that mother's heart,
Oh yes, He knows and cares,
Did He not soothe her deepest grief,
And calm her anxious fears?

And through the death of His dear Son,
By the sacrifice He made,
Our freedom from all sin was won,
The debt was fully paid;
I'd like to take His hand in mine,
Say, "Christ, you died for me,
I thank you for your suffering
Upon the cruel tree,
Though others may perhaps forget,
I give my all to Thee."

Russell Stellwagon

IT WAS FOR ME

He died for me, my Saviour, He,
The blessed Lamb of Calvary;
Upon the cross He set me free,
'Twas there He died to ransom me.

In heaven now, it is for me
He intercedes so pleadingly;

And soon He'll come again for me
In clouds of light, my Bridegroom be.

And then forevermore I'll be
With Him, my Lord, eternally;
O glorious day, eternity
With Him, the blessed One in Three.

Eva Gray

BEHOLD THE MAN!

O thorn-crowned brow,
Upon my Lord and King!
O Saviour Thou,
A purple robe they bring
And mock my Lord
As out they cry:
(The cruel, wicked throng)
"Him Crucify!"
That one who did no wrong,
My lovely Lord.

They hail Him King,
And smite Him with the hand
Of smart and sting;
Saith one, "Behold, the man!"
It was my Lord
Who stood alone
In Pilate's hall of doom;
'Twas ever known
He'd stand there in my room,
My Saviour, Lord.

The cross He bore
Upon Mount Calvary,
The crown He wore,
Was for His love for me;
Yes, Christ my Lord
Was crucified
Because He loved me so;
He bled and died
To pay the debt I owe,
My God and Lord.

Rod of God

Calvary

THE CRADLE AND THE CROSS

When Bethlehem's manger first cradled
the King,
And angels glad news to the shepherds
did bring,
The blackness of midnight beamed like
the sun,
As God gave to mankind His wonderful
One.

But when on the cross, as a sinner, Christ
died,
With nail-pierced hands, and with
spear-riven side,
The brightness of noonday was turned
into night,
And men smote their breasts at the
sorrowful sight.

Yet Bethlehem's cradle and Calvary's
hill
Were all in the plan of God's infinite
will.

The cross and the manger were made for
this King
And heaven forever His praises will
sing.

Today, Christ the light of the world will
come in
And cleanse any heart from its
midnight of sin.
His presence will banish the darkness of
night,
And brighten the soul with His
heavenly light.

All hail then to Jesus, our Lord evermore,
As men of all nations the Saviour
adore.

To Bethlehem's Infant, to Calvary's King,
Our deepest devotion and homage we
bring.

A. S. Reitz

GETHSEMANE

'Tis midnight — and on Olive's brow,
The star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight — in the garden now
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

'Tis midnight — and, from all removed,
Immanuel wrestles, lone with fears;
E'en the disciple that He loved
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight — and for other's guilt
The man of sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet He, who hath in anguish knelt,
Is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight — and, from ether-plains,
Is borne the song that angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Saviour's woe.

W. B. Tappan

THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD

They nailed my Saviour to the cross,
The cross on Calvary;
'Twas there in agony He died
For sinful souls like me.

They placed upon His brow a crown,
A cruel crown of thorn;
Placed it upon that gentle brow,
In bitter hate and scorn.

Despised, rejected, loving still,
My dear Lord suffered there;
"Forgive, they know not what they do,"
His tender dying prayer.

How can I show my love to Him
Who suffered thus for me?
All that I have — a humble gift
His evermore shall be.

HE WAS NOT WILLING

"He was not willing that any should perish";

Jesus enthroned in the glory above,
Saw our poor fallen world, pitied our
sorrows,

Poured out His life for us — wonderful
love!

Perishing, perishing! Thronging our
pathway,

Hearts break with burdens too heavy
to bear,

Jesus would save, but there's no one to
tell them

No one to lift them from sin and
despair.

"He was not willing that any should
perish";

Clothed in our flesh with its sorrow
and pain,

Came He to seek the lost, comfort the
mourner,

Heal the heart broken by sorrow and
shame.

Perishing, perishing! Harvest is passing,
Reapers are few and the night draweth
near,

Jesus is calling thee, haste to the reaping,
Thou shalt have souls, precious souls
for thy hire.

Plenty for pleasure, but little for Jesus;
Time for the world, with its troubles
and toys,

No time for Jesus' work, feeding the
hungry,

Lifting lost souls to eternity's joys.

Perishing, perishing! Hark, how they call
us;

"Bring us our Saviour, oh, tell us of
Him!"

We are so weary, so heavily laden,
And with long weeping our eyes have
grown dim."

"He was not willing that any should
perish";

Am I His follower, and can I live
Longer at ease with a soul going down-
ward,

Lost for the lack of the help I might
give?

Perishing, perishing! Thou wast not
willing;

Master, forgive, and inspire us anew;
Banish our worldliness, help us to ever
Live with eternity's values in view.

Lucy R. Meyer

AT THE CROSS

My heart dissolved to see Thee bleed,
This heart so hard before;

I hear Thee for the guilty plead,
And grief o'erflows the more.

'Twas for the sinful Thou didst die,
And I a sinner stand;

What love speaks from Thy dying eye,
And from each pierced hand!

I know this cleansing blood of Thine
Was shed, dear Lord! for me;
For me, for all — oh! Grace Divine!
Who look by faith to Thee.

O Christ of God! O spotless Lamb!
By love my soul is drawn;
Henceforth, for ever, Thine I am;
Here life and peace are born.

In patient hope the cross I'll bear;
Thine arm shall be my stay;
And Thou, enthroned, my soul shall
spare,
On Thy great judgment-day.

Calvary

YES, I HAVE BEEN TO CALVARY (Inscribed to Rosemary Zylstra)

While here on earth it may not be
My privilege to view
The sacred spots in Galilee
Which Christ, my Saviour, knew.
I may not tread the hallowed paths
He travelled day by day,
Nor worship on that holy mount
Where oft He knelt to pray.

But on the wings of faith, praise God,
I've been to Calvary,
And 'neath that precious, cleansing flood
From sin I've been set free!

My eager eyes may never see
The streets of Bethlehem,
Or Nazareth or Bethany —
Or e'en Jerusalem.
It may not be my joy to tread
On yonder peaceful shore,
Where Christ with Living Manna fed
His followers of yore.

I may not stand in silent awe
Within that garden wall,
Where Jesus agonized in prayer,
And yielded up His all.
Nor may I gaze upon the tomb
Wherein His body lay,
'Till joy divine dispelled the gloom,
And night was turned to day.

Ah yes, though I may ne'er behold
Those scenes I dearly love.
Some day I'll walk the streets of gold
With Christ, my Lord, above!
For soon He's coming back again
In pow'r and majesty,
And I shall go with Him to dwell
For all eternity!

Avis B. Christiansen

HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME
While standing on the brink of woe,
I saw Mount Calvary,
Where Jesus full atonement made;
He gave Himself for me.

His dying there my debt has paid —
Forever sets me free,
From all the guilt of Adam's race.
He gave Himself for me.

And gazing on that wondrous scene —
My sins nailed to the tree,
Could scarce believe the sight I saw,
He gave Himself for me.

When I am safe on heaven's shore,
My portion there will be,
To sing throughout eternal years,
He gave Himself for me.

WONDROUS SON OF GOD

He who hung on Calvary's tree,
After dark Gethsemane,
Died for me, for me!
Wondrous Son of God.

Hands that threw the world in space
Cruel men did so debase;
Nail prints show He took my Place —
Wondrous Son of God.

All who put their trust in Him,
He will cleanse from every sin;
So help another soul to win
To the Son of God.

Oh, what mercy and what grace,
For the fallen human race!
Someday we'll behold His face —
Wondrous Son of God.

Berniece Goertz

Calvary

O SON OF GOD, AFFLICTED

O Son of God, afflicted,
And slain for sinful men,
My soul hath oft depicted
What Thou didst suffer then,
The pain, the grief, the sighing,
The burden of Thy woe,
The cross, the shame, the dying
That filled Thy life below.

Ah, why from heavenly blessing
Didst Thou to earth descend,
And share the woes distressing,
To be the sinner's Friend?
The angels looked amazed,
While men untouched beheld
The Christ to souls debased,
By love divine impelled.

'Twas love, 'twas love unbounded,
As high as heaven ascends,
As deep as depths unsounded,
And broad as earth extends;
Yea, 'twas a love undying,
That suffered for my sake;
Lord, may a love replying,
Within my soul awake.

Translated
from the Greek by
John Brownles D.D.

THE LAST DAY

I can close my eyes and see Him
As He lived that last sad day,
Spat upon, despised, rejected,
Walking on, Golgotha-way.

How His heart must have been breaking
As they jeered and laughed to scorn,
Even though He knew this hour
Was the reason He'd been born.

Oh, the pain He must have suffered
Hanging on that cruel tree!
I will never cease to marvel
That He bore all this for me.

But the shame was changed to glory
On that first bright Easter Day,
As He arose in shining triumph
To immortalize this clay.

Lola Derosier

CRUCIFIXION

If we had lived on that long-gone day
When they nailed Him to the tree,
Do you suppose that you and I
Would have led Him to Calvary?

Would we have joined the jeering throng
That clustered at His feet;
Would we have mocked Him, spat upon
His face, so calm and sweet?

Would we have stood complacently
To see Him crucified;
To see His nail-pierced hands and feet,
His crown of thorns, His wounded side?

Ah, no! Such shame would not be ours
We say, and yet — and yet —
So often in the stress of Life
My friend, do we forget —

That long steep hill, the angry mob,
The crosses, stacked against the sky,
The gentle Man, so kind, so brave,
Going forth, alone, to die!

We would not crucify Him once,
And yet so sinful is our way,
So blind are we, and selfish, too,
We crucify Him every day!

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer

Calvary — Christian Living

SCARRED

The shame He suffered left its brand
In gaping wound in either hand;
Sin's penalty He deigned to meet
Has torn and scarred His blessed feet;
The condemnation by Him borne
Marred His brow with print of thorn.
Trespass and guilt for which He died
Have marked Him with a riven side.

IN CHRIST

In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Harvest Field

I SAW ONE HANGING

I saw one hanging on a tree,
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood;

Sure never to my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
He seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt alone my guilt
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins His blood had spilt
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave, which said,
“I freely all forgive;
My blood is for thy ransom paid,
I die that thou mayest live.”

Christian Living

ATTRACTION

Christ will prove the true attraction
When a sinner feels his need,
When he sees in every action
Nothing in God's court to plead.

When a sinner, judgment knowing,
Wants a Saviour who can save,
Then, from human efforts going,
For free mercy will he crave.

Christ will prove the true attraction,
He will save the sinner lost!
Law demanded its full action,
But the Saviour met the cost.

Wondrous mercy now outshining,
Shows redemption's work is done,
And no more in death repining,
We are welcomed in God's Son.

Christ is still the one attraction,
To each child of God made nigh.
Other names and schemes cause faction,
How can we on men rely?

His the name, Himself the center,
His the glory when we meet,
In Himself by grace we enter,
Where there is the mercy seat!

Christian Living

LIFE'S LESSONS

I learn as the years roll onward
 And I leave the past behind,
 That much I had counted sorrow
 But proves that God is kind;
 That many a flower that I longed for
 Had hidden a thorn of pain,
 And many a rugged by-path
 Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that cover the sunshine,
 They cannot banish the sun,
 And the earth shines out the brighter
 When the weary rain is done.
 We must stand in the deepest shadow
 To see the clearest light;
 And often through wrong's own darkness
 Comes the living strength of light.

The sweetest rest is at even,
 After a wearisome day,
 When the heavy burden of labor
 Has been borne from our hearts away;
 And those who have never known sorrow
 Cannot know the infinite peace
 That falls on the troubled spirit
 When it sees at last release.

We must live through the dreary winter
 If we would value the spring;
 And the woods must be cold and silent
 Before the robins sing.
 The flowers must be buried in darkness
 Before they can bud and bloom,
 And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
 Comes after the storm and the gloom.

YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD

You can fool the hapless public,
 You can be a subtle fraud,
 You can hide your little meanness,
 But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,
 You can self achievement laud,
 You can load yourself with riches,
 But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible
 You can be a selfish clod,
 You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble,
 But you can't fool God!

You can magnify your talent,
 You can hear the world applaud,
 You can boast yourself somebody,
 But you can't fool God!

Grenville Kleiser

REMINDER

It's funny how a little thing
 Can set a person thinking;
 Can lift the load of weariness,
 When eyes with tears are blinking.

Why, it was only yesterday
 A little sparrow's cheeping
 Reminded me of the Father's love,
 And banished all my weeping.

I'd thought my world had fallen through,
 And all my hopes were broken,
 Until I heard his cheery chirp,
 And through it Christ had spoken.

To tell again of wondrous love
 To featured folk and lily;
 And here was I, worth more than they,
 And nearly worried silly.

I asked forgiveness for my sin,
 And soon the clouds had drifted;
 And with my little feathered friend
 My voice in praise had lifted.

Christian Living

EVER ON

Growing old but not retiring,
For the battle still is on;
Going on without relenting
Till the final victory's won.
Ever on, nor think of resting,
For the battle rages still,
And my Saviour still is with me
And I seek to do His will.

Years roll by, the body weakens,
But the spirit still is young;
Breath of God — it never ages,
Is eternal, ever strong.
Rather, year by year it strengthens,
Gaining o'er the things of sense.
By Thy Spirit, lead my spirit,
Saviour, till Thou call me hence.

Things of earth decrease in value,
Brighter shines the light above;
Less the power of human hatred,
Sweeter far the Saviour's love.
Let me tell it to the needy,
Far and wide Thy worth proclaim;
That my closing years may praise Thee—
Glorify Thy blessed name.

Let me labor in Thy harvest
More than ever in the past,
Reaping in what Thou hast planted,
Till I dwell with Thee at last;
That before Thy throne eternal
I may have some fruit to bring,
Not my work—the fruit of Calvary,
All Thine own, my Lord and King.

WATCH AND PRAY

Christian, seek not yet repose,
Cast thy dreams of ease away;
Thou art in the midst of foes;
Watch and pray.

Gird thy heavenly armor on,
Wear it ever night and day;
Near thee lurks the evil one;
Watch and pray.

Hear the victors who o'ercame;
Still they watch each warrior's way;
All with one deep voice exclaim,
“Watch and pray.”

Charlotte Elliott

WOULD I BE CALLED A CHRISTIAN?

Would I be called a Christian,
If everybody knew
My secret thoughts and feelings,
And everything I do?
Oh, could they see the likeness
Of Christ in me each day?
Oh, could they hear Him speaking
In everything I say?

Would I be called a Christian,
If everybody could know
That I am found in places
Where Jesus would not go?
Oh, could they hear His echo
In every song I sing?
In eating, drinking, dressing,
Could they see Christ, my King?

Would I be called a Christian,
If judged by what I read,
By all my recreations,
And every thought and deed?
Could I be counted Christ-like,
As I now work and pray?
Unselfish, kind, forgiving
To others every day?

Mrs. J. F. Moser

GOD DOETH ALL THINGS WELL

I do not always know what lies before me,
Or what of trial or test may be in store;
My steps are ordered, God will do the
choosing,
He knows the way I take—need I
know more?
I do not know the reason for each testing;
The lessons I must learn, I cannot tell,
Or why I'm led through valleys deep and
lonely —
I only know He doeth all things well.

If the path I walk seems steep and rugged,
And I must labor long to reach the goal,
There's always One close by my side to
help me;
He brings sweet rest and comfort to
my soul.
And from the pages of God's Book before
me,
He speaks the words that all my fears
dispel,
And though I do not know the why nor
wherefore,
I can be sure He doeth all things well.

Then I will rest in Him and take fresh
courage,
And trust His promise not to leave me
e'er —
New strength supplied to carry on the
battle,
New hope that I the victor's crown
shall wear.
It is enough to be of God beloved,
To have the Lord within my heart to
dwell,
To have the peace that passeth under-
standing,
Content to know He doeth all things
well.

FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINE

Today upon a bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her — she seemed so gay —
And oh, I wished I were so fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and wore a crutch,
But as she passed, a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two feet — the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me had such charm.
He seemed to radiate good cheer
His manner was so kind and warm.
I said, "It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said, "Oh, thank you,
sir!"
And I saw that he was blind.
O, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two eyes — the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do,
I stopped a moment, then I said:
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew; He could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two ears — the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I should know:
I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine:
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

Christian Living

THE BLESSINGS OF SURRENDER

There's a sweetness in surrender,
Counting not our will our own,
Then we always walk with Jesus,
And the way is never lone.

For He talks to us so gently,
His companionship is blest;
Oh, the calmness of surrender,
Sweet, submissive, and at rest!

There's a safety in surrender,
For our will oft leads astray,
But with it to Christ submitted,
Never need we miss the way.

Then temptations lose their luring,
For we're talking with the Lord,
And the world's vain call and clatter
Fall upon our ears unheard.

There's a power in surrender,
For the strength of God is ours,
Who has promised to deliver
Out of all infernal powers.

Father, I would keep surrendered,
I would walk alone with Thee,
In Thy presence I am happy,
In Thy will my soul is free.

Free from care and strife and worry,
Free from useless toil or pain;
Of my grief Thou makest glory,
Of my labor greatest gain.

Mary J. Helphtingtine

THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet

To lead men in His way;
He has no tongues but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's Gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message,
Given in deed and word;
What if the type is crooked?
What if the print is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With work other than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurement is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And hasten His return?

Annie Johnson Flint

BEING A CHRISTIAN

Being a Christian is living
As God would have us live.
Being a Christian is giving
All that we have to give.

Being a Christian is doing
Things that are pure and good.
Being a Christian is pursuing
All that we know we should.

Being a Christian is keeping
The Spirit of Christ within.
Being a Christian is seeking
The many lost souls to win.

Sunday School Banner

THINK IT OVER

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord;

Real service is what I desire;

I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord —

But don't ask me to sing in the choir.

I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord;

I like to see things come to pass;

But don't ask me to teach girls and boys, dear Lord —

I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what You want me to do, dear Lord;

I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive;

I'll give You my nickels and dimes, dear Lord —

But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord;

I'll say what You want me to say;

I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord —

I'll help You some other day.

CHRIST'S BONDSERVANT

Make me a captive, Lord,

And then I shall be free;

Force me to render up my sword,

And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms

When by myself I stand;

Imprison me within Thine arms,

And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor

Until it master find;

It has no spring of action sure —

It varies with the wind;

It cannot freely move

Till Thou hast wrought its chain;

Enslave it with Thy matchless love,

And deathless it shall reign.

My will is not my own

Till Thou hast made it Thine;

If it would reach a monarch's throne

It must its crown resign:

It only stands unbent

Amid the clashing strife,

When on Thy bosom it has lent

And found in Thee its life.

George Matheson

WE WOULD SEE JESUS

To see the Lord the shepherds

Were by the angel sent;

They spread the wondrous tidings

With joy where'er they went,

The Baby in a manger

Was God's own Son who came

To save from sin His people,

For Jesus was His name.

Some earnest Greeks years after

To His disciples came,

And said, "We would see Jesus,"

For they had heard His fame.

They listened to His message,

And saw His perfect grace;

They surely spread glad tidings

Of Him in every place.

And, like the Greeks and shepherds,

We would see Jesus, too,

And seek His grace to guide us

In all we say and do.

So let us come and worship

Our Saviour, Christ the Lord,

And, saved by His redemption,

We'll spread the news abroad.

REPROOF

As children bring their broken toys,
With tears, for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God,
Because He was my Friend.

But then, instead of leaving Him
In peace, to work alone;
I hung around and tried to help
With ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
“How can You be so slow?”
“My child,” He said, “what could I do?
You never did let go!”

THE FATHER'S GOLD

A golden strand that weaves through
tapestry
Goes sometimes, so it seems, so far astray
To pick up threads whose beauty we
can't see,
Until the master weaver has His way.
The picture, woven then with artist's
hand
Delights the eye with colors rich and
bold;
The threads we thought so gray—each
neutral strand—
Are interlaced with beauty, touched with
gold.
Our Father weaves His plan in wisdom's
way,
And some time, the whole pattern will
unfold;
The treadle He will still, the shuttle stay,
Then Jesus Christ shall be revealed as
gold—
The Shining Strand who interlaced our
Grays
To lift, to hold and beautify always.

FOLLOW JESUS

I would follow Jesus
And know I may,
For I hear Him calling
And He shows me the way.

I would follow Jesus,
That my tongue may speak
Words which carry comfort
To the sad and the weak.

I would follow Jesus
As a child may do,
Be to all my comrades
Kind and pure and true.

I would follow Jesus —
This shall be my Prayer:
Dwell thou deep within me,
Prompt me everywhere.

THE POSTAGE STAMP LESSON

There was a little postage stamp
No bigger than your thumb;
But still it stuck right to the job
Until the work was done.

They licked it and they pounded it
'Til it would make you sick;
And the more it took a-lickin'
The better it would stick.

Let's all be like the postage stamp
In playing life's rough game;
And just keep on a-stickin'
Tho' we hang our heads in shame.

The stamp stuck to the letter
'Till it saw it safely through;
There's no one can do better
Let's keep sticking and be true.

SURPRISES

When you get to heaven
 You will likely view
 Many folk whose presence there
 Will be a shock to you;

But keep it very quiet
 And do not even stare;
 Doubtless there'll be many
 Surprised to see you there.

Christmas

HIS NAME AT THE TOP

I had the nicest Christmas list,
 The longest one in town,
 Till Daddy looked at it and said,
 "You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
 Beyond the faintest doubt,
 But was amazed to hear him say,
 "You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my list again,
 And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
 But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
 That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
 'Twas Jesus that he meant;
 For Him who should come first of all
 I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
 And left the Saviour out!
 But, oh, it didn't take me long
 To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
 Of folks I like a lot,
 My Lord must have the most—because
His name is at the top!

THE LIGHT NOW SHINETH

Angels from the long ago
 Told the old, old story
 Of a Saviour come to earth
 From the realms of glory.

What a message they proclaimed,
 Angel hosts so bright,
 As the shepherds on the hills
 Watched their flocks by night.

Unto you a child is born,
 Unto you is given,
 Emmanuel, the Son of God,
 The Lord Himself, from heaven.

See the gift of God's own love,
 Go ye to the manger,
 He, who left His home above,
 Is to you no stranger.

Ye who sit in darkness, look,
 For the Light now shineth,
 He will great deliverance give you
 From the chains that bindeth.

Love eternal, never dying,
 Ransoms from the grave,
 Souls in conflict, burdened, sighing,
 Jesus came to save.

Christmas

CRADLE AND THRONE

Earth gave Thee a cradle, O Christ, and
a cross,
Hard roads for Thy journey, reviling and
loss;
Earth gave Thee Thy wounding, Thy
shroud, and Thy tomb,
But earth gave no welcome and earth
gave no home.

Oh, Wronged One, return to the land
Thou hast left,
The land that is desolate, lone, and bereft;
The world is a chaos of comfortless woes;
Men's wisdom has failed them, no help
they propose,

Thou art the one hope, Lord, oh, lend
us Thine aid
And save Thy creation—the world Thou
hast made.
A new earth shall greet Thee, a new world
shall sing
The greatness and glories of Jesus its
King.

Earth that once gave Thee its scorning
and shame,
Its thorns and its scourging, shall yet hail
Thy name,
The earth, once rebellious, allegiance
shall own,
Shall give Thee a scepter, a crown, and
a throne.

A CHILD IS BORN

That holy night when stars shone bright,
Our hearts beat high with joy;
A baby's birth upon the earth,
Held hope without alloy.

Shepherds in fright made hasty flight,
And sped to the stable bed;
They kneeled to pray where the baby lay
And worshiped the hallowed head.

Three kings so wise beheld the skies,
They saw a moving star;
It guided them to Bethlehem,
From distant lands afar.

O blessed morn a child is born,
In a manger on the hay;
Let angels sing, hosannas ring,
A King has come today.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy, great joy, was the message
Told to shepherds in the field.
An angel brought the tidings,
The good news from heav'n revealed.
In haste they sped to find Him,
Born a Babe, before Him kneeled.
They knew He was the Saviour.
He was God in flesh concealed.
To all the heartsick, sad ones
In this whole wide world today.
To the worn and weary pilgrims
Filled with fear, distrust, dismay,
Our Christ sounds the same message
As the angels did that day.
On Calv'ry's cross He suffered
To bring joy to all for aye.

The world is filled with sorrow
Caused by unbelief and sin,
Rejection of this Saviour
Who alone can cleanse within.
Some day He'll smite the nations,
Too late then His grace to win.
It's now He offers pardon
And gives joy where grief has been.

Christ's Coming

SAFELY HOME

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
All's so happy, all so bright!
There's perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the Valley of the Shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
On that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idle stand;
Do your work while life remaineth —
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of the meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come!

WHEN WILL HE COME?

Perhaps He will come at the dawning
Of a beautiful summer day,
When the birds and flowers are
awakening
To welcome the sun's first ray,
And the eastern sky will brighten
With the light of the dawn's caress
And herald the swift arising
Of the "Sun of Righteousness."

Perhaps He will come at the evening
When, weary of toil and care,
We rest and watch as the darkness
Creeps o'er the landscape fair,
And behind, the stars in their beauty
Shine forth from their depths afar,
But their radiance dims in the glory
Of the "Bright and Morning Star."

Perhaps He will come at midnight,
When earth and its dwellers sleep.
When over the mountains and valleys
Broods a silence vast and deep,
And the trump of the great archangel
Shall awaken the slumberers there,
And His saints will be caught up together
To meet the Lord in the air.

But whether at dawn or evening,
At midnight or sultry noon,
And whether awake or sleeping,
And the time be distant or soon,
May I live so that I shall be ready
With joy my Saviour to meet,
And feel no alarm at His coming,
But hasten His heralds to greet.

Christ's Coming

CHRIST IS COMING

In the glow of early morning,
In the solemn hush of night;
Down from heaven's open portals,
Steals a messenger of light,
Whisp'ring sweetly to my spirit
While the hosts of heaven sing;
This the wondrous thrilling story:
Christ is coming — Christ the King.

Oft methinks I hear His footsteps,
Stealing down the paths of time;
And the future, dark with shadows,
Brightens with this hope sublime.
Sound the soul-inspiring anthem;
Angel hosts, your harps attune;
Earth's long night is almost over,
Christ is coming — coming soon.

Long we've waited, blest Redeemer,
Waited for the first bright ray
Of the morn when sin and sorrow
At Thy presence flee away;
But our vigil's nearly over;
Hope of heaven oh, priceless morn;
In the east the glow appearing,
Christ is coming — coming soon.

W. Macomber

THE COMING AND THE APPEARING

Lamb of God, Thy faithful promise
Says, "Behold, I quickly come,"
And our hearts, to Thine responsive,
Cry, "Come, Lord, and take us home."
Oh, the rapture that awaits us
When we meet Thee in the air,
And with Thee ascend in triumph,
All Thy deepest joys to share.

Lamb of God, when Thou in glory
Shalt to this sad earth return,

All Thy foes shall quake before Thee,
All who now despise Thee mourn;
Then shall we, at Thine appearing,
With Thee in Thy kingdom reign,
Thine the praise, and Thine the glory,
Lamb of God for sinners slain.

PERHAPS TODAY

Perhaps today the clouds will part
asunder,
Reveal a glory brighter than the sun,
And we shall view with transport, joy and
wonder,
The hope of earth and heaven's beloved
One.

Perhaps today the world's last taunt shall
grieve us,
And Satan, foiled, his final dart shall
cast,
And all our flesh's frailties shall leave us,
And disappointment evermore be past.

Perhaps today from weary beds of
anguish
God's suffering saints shall breathe
their final sigh,
In glory rise, no more on earth to
languish,
To meet their great Deliv'rer in the
sky.

Perhaps today the trump of God re-
sounding,
Shall wake the sleepers from their beds
of clay,
And we with them our longed-for Lord
surrounding,
Shall see His glorious face — perhaps
today!

HOPE OF OUR HEARTS

Hope of our hearts, O Lord! appear:
 Thou glorious Star of day,
 Shine forth, and chase the dreary night,
 With all our fears, away!

Strangers on earth, we wait for Thee:
 Oh! leave the Father's throne;
 Come with the shout of victory, Lord,
 And claim us for Thine own!

Oh! bid the bright archangel now
 The trump of God prepare,
 To call Thy saints—the quick, the dead—
 To meet Thee in the air.

No resting-place we seek on earth,
 No loveliness we see;
 Our eye is on the royal crown
 Prepared for us and Thee.

But, dearest Lord, however bright
 That crown of joy above,
 What is it to the brighter hope
 Of dwelling in Thy love?

What to the joy—the deeper joy,
 Unmingled, pure, and free—
 Of union with our Living Head,
 Of fellowship with Thee?

This joy e'en now on earth is ours:
 But only, Lord, above,
 Our hearts, without a pang, shall know
 The fullness of Thy love.

There, near Thy heart, upon the throne,
 Thy ransomed bride shall see
 What grace was in the bleeding Lamb
 Who died to make her free.

Sir Edward Denny

GOING HOME WITH JESUS

I am going home with Jesus
 As the days go passing by,
 For we're having sweet communion —
 To His heart He draws me nigh —
 And He tells me He will keep me
 If I trust Him all the way,
 And be humble, meek and lowly,
 And His Holy Word obey.

O I'm going home with Jesus —
 Precious truth it is to me —
 And it makes my heart so happy
 When I think of what shall be
 My reward for being faithful
 As a servant on the earth —
 Life eternal and no trouble,
 Peace and everlasting mirth!

I am going home with Jesus —
 Soon we'll pass the pearly gates —
 And I'll occupy a mansion
 That I know for me awaits,
 Where I'll dwell with shining angels
 And my loved ones sweet and fair,
 Who have passed me on life's journey
 And are waiting for me there.

When I reach my home in heaven
 Where I'll live for evermore,
 I will sing and shout God's praises
 With the saints who've gone before,
 Where we'll have no times of sadness
 And no seasons of distress,
 But in holy love and worship
 We shall have the sweetest rest.

Walter E. Isenhour

The Church

THE FAITHFUL FEW

In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do;
It very likely will be done
By just a faithful few.

While many folks will help to sing
And some of them will talk,
When it comes down to doing things
A lot of them will balk.

"We can't do this, we can't do that,
Excuse us, please — this time;
We'd be so glad to help you out,
But it's not in our line."

So when the leader casts about
To find someone who'll "do,"
Although he's done it oft before,
He asks the Faithful Few.

Of course, they're very busy, too,
And always hard at work;
But well he knows they'll not refuse
Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse,
But promptly try to do
The very very best they can
To smooth the way for you.

God bless, I pray, the faithful few,
And may their tribe increase —
They must be very precious to
The blessed Prince of Peace.

Chester E. Shuler

GOD IS THERE

When your Christian duty calls you
To the sick and to the sad,
And you go to take some sunshine
And to make somebody glad,
You may have the sweet assurance
As you breathe an earnest prayer,
That the place where you are going
God the Father will be there.

If you want to help the outcast
Find the pathway to the goal,
Or the wretched, poor lost sinner
Seek salvation for his soul;
Or someone who seems quite hopeless,
And for whom there's little care,
Go and look for such dear people
And our God will meet you there.

In the prisons of our country
Men are found behind the bars,
Who have fallen from their manhood,
In whose lives are many scars,
So they need someone to help them,
Who some Christian love may share,
Then go forth and help the prisoner
And you'll find the Saviour there.

Or if you are burdened heavy
With the cares of friends and home,
Or temptations, tests and trials
Where you live and where you roam,
Don't surrender faith and courage,
Neither quit the place of prayer,
For the God of earth and heaven
Always meets His children there.

Walter E. Isenhour

IT'S YOU

If you want to work in the kind of a church
 Like the kind of a church you like,
 You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
 And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind.
 For there's nothing that's really new;
 It's a knock at yourself when you knock
 your church;
 It isn't your church, it's you.

Real churches aren't made by men afraid
 Lest somebody else goes ahead;
 When everyone works and nobody shirks,
 You can raise a church from the dead.

And if while you make your personal
 stake,
 Your neighbor can make one too,
 Your church will be what you want to see,
 It isn't your church, it's you.

L. A. McDonald

GREAT CHURCHES

Great churches aren't built of stone and
 steel,
 Of mortar, brick and sand;
 They rise from human hearts that feel
 And love and understand.

Their greatest treasures are not kept
 In guarded banks or vaults,
 But in the will that never slept
 Until it cured its faults.

Great churches don't happen; they are
 built
 By people large and small
 Who press their fortunes to the hilt,
 Respond to duty's call.

I WOULD NOT ASK

I would not ask Thee why
 My path should be
 Through strange and stony ways —
 Thou leadest me!

I would not ask Thee how
 Loss worketh gain,
 Knowing that some day soon —
 All shall be plain.

My heart would never doubt
 Thy love and care,
 However heavy seems
 The cross I bear.

Nor would I, Father, ask
 My lot to choose,
 Lest seeking selfish ease
 Thy best I lose.

Grace E. Troy

CONCERNING THEM THAT ARE ASLEEP

Alas! too well we know our loss,
 Nor hope again our joy to touch,
 Until the stream of death we cross.
 He smiled: "There is no such!"

Yet our beloved seem so far,
 The while we yearn to feel them near,
 Albeit with Thee we trust they are.
 He smiled: "And I am here!"

Dear Lord, how shall we know that they
 Still walk unseen with us and Thee,
 Nor sleep, nor wander far away?
 He smiled: "Abide in me."

R. W. Raymond

The Church

NOAH'S CARPENTERS

Many hundred years ago,
They ventured to remark,
That Noah had some carpenters
To help him build the Ark.
But sad to say on that last day,
When Noah entered in,
Those carpenters were left outside
And perished in their sin.

How sad to think they may have helped
To build the Ark so great!
Yet still they heeded not God's Word,
And awful was their fate.
To-day the same sad state exists
Among the sons of men;
They help to build the so-called church,
Who are not born again.

They stay behind for sacrament,
They work, they sing, they pray;
Yet never have accepted Christ,
The Life, the Truth, the Way.
Another Judgment Day will come,
As sure as came the flood,
And only those will be secure.
Who shelter 'neath Christ's blood.

HOW CAN YOU?

How can you comfort the suffering
If you've not known sickness or pain?
How can you spur on the fighter
When you've never known battle's
strain?

How can you soothe the impatient
If you've not been tested in stress?
How can you lift the discouraged
When you've never known weariness?

How can you strengthen the traveler
Unless heavy burdens you've borne?
How can you cheer the sorrowing heart
If your heart has never been torn?

God does not revel in trouble,
But this thing I've been made to see—
I can't be used to help others
If trials are foreign to me.

I must endure pain and sorrow,
Encounter defeat and distress
To teach me compassion and mercy
For souls He is waiting to bless.

Maxine Stevens

THE EVER-LIVING CHURCH

Come, let us join our friends above
That have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love
To joy celestial rise.
Let all the saints terrestrial sing
With those to Glory gone;

For all the servants of our King
In earth and heaven are one.

One company we dwell in Him—
One Church above, beneath—
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.
One army of the living God,
To His command we bow;
Part of His host hath crossed the flood,
And part is crossing now.

Our old companions in distress
We haste again to see,
And eager long for our release
And full felicity.
E'en now by faith we join our hands
With those that went before,
And greet the Blood-besprinkled bands
On the eternal shore.

Charles Wesley

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd?
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part
To help the church along
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?
Do you ever go to visit
A member that is sick,

Or leave the work for just a few
And talk about the clique?

There's quite a program scheduled
That means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly,
And help with hand and heart —
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, member:
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or do you just belong?

Comfort — Sorrow

THE GOD OF COMFORT

I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the God of all comfort was with me,
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As the earth needs the clouds and the sunshine
Our souls need both sorrow and joy,
So He places us oft in the furnace,
The dross from the gold to destroy.

When He leads through some valley of trouble
His omnipotent hand we can trace;
For the trials and sorrows He sends us
Are part of His lessons of grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging and pruning,

Forgetting the husbandman knows
That the deeper the cutting and paring
The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed
He has a wise purpose in view;
And in the dark valley He whispers,
“Hereafter thou shalt know what I do.”

As we travel through life's shadowed valley,
Fresh springs of His love ever rise,
And we learn that our sorrow and losses
Are blessings just sent in disguise.

So we'll follow wherever He leads us,
Let the path be dreary or bright,
For we've proved that our God can give comfort,
Our God can give songs in the night.

Comfort — Sorrow

COMFORTING LINES

Can it be possible no words shall welcome
Our coming feet?
How will it look, that face that we have
cherished,
When next we meet?
Will it be changed, so glorified and
saintly
That we shall know it not?
Will there be nothing that will say, "I
love thee,
And I have not forgot"?

Oh! faithless heart, the same loved face
transfigured
Shall meet thee there,
Less sad, less wistful, in immortal beauty
Divinely fair.
The mortal veil, washed pure with many
weepings,
Is rent away,
And the great soul that sat within its
prison
Hath found the day.

In the clear morning of that other
country,
In paradise,
With the same face that we have loved
and cherished
She shall arise!
Let us be patient, we who mourn, with
weeping,
Some vanished face,
The Lord has taken, but to add more
beauty
And a diviner grace.

And we shall find once more, beyond
earth's sorrows
Beyond these skies,
In the fair city of the "sure foundations,"
Those heavenly eyes.

With the same welcome, shining through
their sweetness,
That met us here;
Eyes, from whose beauty God has
banished weeping
And wiped away the tear.

HE NEVER WILL FORGET

Jesus never will forget me,
When I'm young, or when I'm old.
With His precious blood He bought me;
So, you see, to Him I'm sold.

He could not forget His loved ones,
Who to Him are very dear;
Resting in His loving bosom
I have not a single fear.

In His hands my name is written,
In His heart He thinks of me;
And He'll soon come back to take me
Where with Him I'll always be.

M. G. H

THE MASTER WEAVER

When gray threads mar life's pattern
And seem so out of line,
Trust the Master Weaver
Who planned the whole design;

For in life's choicest patterns
Some dark threads must appear
To make the rose threads fairer,
The gold more bright and clear.

'The pattern may seem intricate
And hard to understand,
But trust the Master Weaver
And His steady, guiding Hand.

Comfort — Sorrow

CONSOLATION

There is never a day so dreary
But God can make it bright,
And unto the soul that trusts Him,
He giveth songs in the night,
There is never a path so hidden,
But God can lead the way,
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance
And patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy
But the nail-scarred hands are there
Outstretched in tender compassion
The burden to help us bear.
There is never a heart so broken,
But the loving Lord can heal,
The heart that was pierced on Calvary
Doth still for His loved ones feel.

There is never a life so darkened,
So helpless and unblessed,
But may be filled with the light of God
And enter His promised rest.
There is never a sin or sorrow,
There is never a care or loss,
But that we may bring to Jesus
And leave at the foot of the cross.

OUR ROCK

If life's pleasures cheer thee,
Give them not thy heart,
Lest the gifts ensnare thee
From thy God to part;
His praises speak, His favor seek,
Fix there thy hope's foundation,
Love Him, and He shall ever be
The Rock of thy salvation.

If sorrow e'er befall thee,
Painful though it be,
Let not fear appall thee;
To thy Saviour flee;

He, ever near, thy prayer will hear,
And calm thy perturbation;
The waves of woe shall ne'er o'erflow
The Rock of thy salvation.

Death shall never harm thee,
Shrink not from his blow,
For thy God shall arm thee
And victory bestow;
For death shall bring to thee no sting,
The grave no desolation;
'Tis gain to die with Jesus nigh —
The Rock of thy salvation.

Francis Scott Key

TRIALS

I Peter 1:7; Romans 8:28

When trials press and foes increase
And daily strain finds no release;
Give me the strength and will to stay
When I would rather run away.

When things seem going all criss-cross
And waiting seems an added loss;
Give me the patience, Lord, to wait
When I would rather force the gate.

When Satan comes with subtle power
To make me doubt Thy love each hour;
Give me the grace to trust Thy care
When self would plunge me in despair.

The God of all the universe,
Who from my soul removed the curse,
Is daily watching over me
And will through all eternity.

So faith looks up and takes the stand
That love divine the whole has planned,
And step by step will guide my way
Till dawns at last eternal day.

Grace E. Troy

Comfort — Sorrow

SOMETIMES, SOMEWHERE

Unanswered yet? the prayer your lips
have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years.
Does faith begin to fail? Is hope
departing?
And think you all in vain those falling
tears?
Say not the Father hath nor heard your
prayer;
You shall have your desire sometime,
somewhere.

Unanswered yet? though when you first
presented
This one petition at the Father's throne
It seems you could not wait the time of
asking
So urgent was your heart to make it
known.
Though years have passed since then, do
not despair;
The Lord will answer you sometime,
somewhere.

Unanswered yet? nay, do not say un-
granted.
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.
The work began when first your prayer
was uttered
And God will finish what He has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there
His glory you shall see sometime, some-
where.

Unanswered yet? faith cannot be
unanswered.
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;
Amid the wildest storm, she stands
undaunted;
Nor quails before the loudest thunder-
shock.

She knows Omnipotence has heard her
prayer
And cries, "It shall be done sometime,
somewhere!"

THE NAME OF JESUS

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear;
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

John Newton

WITH THEE

In darkest hours, in nights so drear,
When heart is faint and full of fear,
Just lift your voice to God and pray;
And darkest night will turn to day.

He promised to protect and keep;
To never slumber, never sleep.
Though worn and helpless you may be,
The promise comes, "I am with thee."

Through waters deep, He'll walk with
you
And through the fiery trials too.
He is your God, be not dismayed.
Be sure your trust in Him is stayed.

He'll give you strength and hold your
hand.
In storm and strife, He'll help you stand.
Supported by His arm alone,
Peace will be yours, the greatest known.

Cora M. Pinkham

Comfort — Sorrow

HE KNOWS THE WAY

I know not where my steps may lead
In days to come;
But He, who for my sins did bleed,
Will guide me home.

And though the road be rough and steep,
I'll have no dread;
For He, who for my sins did weep,
Walks on ahead.

Though valleys dark and mountains high
May bar my way;
Through Him, who on the cross did die,
I'll win the day.

And at life's end, my journey o'er
I'll see the face
Of Him who journeyed on before —
Saved by His grace.

CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM

When from a world of tumult we retreat,
To commune with the Lord in secret
prayer,
We often bring our burdens to His feet
Who bids us cast on Him our every
care.

We do, but find that we have failed to
leave them there;
So when again the busy world we meet,
We lack that peace of God so truly sweet,
Which comes of telling God our wants
in prayer.

Oh, let us "roll our burdens on the Lord"
And leave them there, although our
way be dim,
His peace our lot, our care consign'd to
Him.

His grace accepts and now sustains
our load.

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

God hath not promised
We shall not know
Toil and temptation,
Trouble and woe;
He hath not told us
We shall not bear
Many a burden,
Many a care.

God hath not promised
Smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel,
Needing no guide;
Never a mountain,
Rocky and steep,
Never a river
Turgid and deep.

But God *hath* promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

Annie Johnson Flint

Comfort — Sorrow

MY HIDING PLACE

Thou art my Hiding Place,
Lord of my life;
In Thee I rest,
Free from all strife.

Thou art my Fortress safe,
Lord of my heart;
Thou art e'er near,
Grace to impart.

Thou art my All in All,
Lord of my soul;
O Guiding Star,
Thou art my Goal!

For this I thank Thee, Lord:
Through Thy sweet grace,
I have found Thee —
My Hiding Place!

Kathryn T. Bowsher

RULES FOR DAILY LIFE

Begin the day with God;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God,
And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be.
Where'er thou art — at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God;
Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude the day with God;
Thy sins to Him confess.
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God,
Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death
He will thee guard and keep.

COMPANIONSHIP

No distant Lord have I,
Loving afar to be;
Made flesh for me, He cannot rest
Unless He rests in me.

Brother in joy and pain,
Bone of my bone was He,
Now—intimacy closer still,
He dwells Himself in me.

I need not journey far
This dearest Friend to see;
Companionship is always mine,
He makes His home with me.

I envy not the Twelve,
Nearer to me is He;
The life He once lived here on earth
He lives again in me.

Ascended now to God,
My witness there to be,
His witness here am I because
His Spirit dwells in me.

O glorious Son of God,
Incarnate Deity,
I shall forever be with Thee
Because Thou art with me.

Maltbie D. Babcock

SUBMISSION IN AFFLICTION

Affliction is a stormy deep,
Where wave resounds to wave:
Though o'er my head the billows roll
I know the Lord can save.

The hand that now withholds my joys
Can soon restore my peace;
And He who bade the tempest rise
Can bid that tempest cease.

Here will I rest, and build my hope,
Nor murmur at His rod;
He's more than all the world to me—
My Health, my Life, my God!

NOT CHANGED, BUT GLORIFIED

Not changed but glorified! Oh, beauteous language

For those who weep,
Mourning the loss of some dear face departed,
Fallen asleep.
Hushed into silence, never more to comfort
The hearts of men,
Gone, like the sunshine of another country,
Beyond our ken.

O dearest dead, we saw thy white soul shining
Behind the face,
Bring with the beauty and celestial glory
Of an immortal grace.
What wonder that we stumble, faint and weeping
And sick with fears,
Since thou hast left us — all alone with sorrow
And blind with tears?

NOT I, BUT GOD

I cannot, but God can;
Oh, balm for all my care!
The burden that I drop
His hand will lift and bear.
Though eagle pinions tire,
I walk where once I ran,
This is my strength, to know
I cannot, but God can.

I know not, but God knows;
Oh, blessed rest from fear!
All my unfolding days
To Him are plain and clear.
Each anxious, puzzled "Why?"
From doubt or dread that grows,
Finds answer in this thought:
I know not, but He knows.

Annie Johnson Flint

THE BIRDS OF THE AIR

No storehouse nor barn have we,
The fluttering birds of the air;
No voice to make known our wants,
With hunger our only prayer.
Yet God feedeth us day by day,
As the light of the morn comes round,
And never without His leave
Shall one of us fall to the ground.

O Saviour! I hear Thy voice
In these happy birds of the air,
Who sow not, gather, nor reap,
Yet lack not a Father's care.
They trust to a guiding Hand,
Which feedeth them day by day:
What want they with storehouse or barn?
And are we not better than they?

Hollis Freeman

SECURITY

More secure is no one ever
Than the loved ones of the Saviour;
Not yon star, on high abiding,
Nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
Like a father kind He spares them,
In His loving arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death can ever
From the Lord His children sever;
For His love and deep compassion
Comfort them in tribulation.

Little flock, to joy then yield thee!
Jacob's God will ever shield thee;
Rest secure with this Defender,
At His will all foes surrender.

What He takes or what He gives us
Shows the Father's love so precious;
We may trust His purpose wholly —
'Tis His children's welfare solely.

Lina Sandell

THROUGH THE WATERS

When thou passest through the waters.
Deep the waves may be and cold,
But Jehovah is our refuge,
And His promise is our hold;
For the Lord Himself hath said it,
He, the faithful God and true:
When thou comest to the waters,
Thou shalt not go down, but through.

Seas of sorrow, seas of trial,
Bitterest anguish, fiercest pain,
Rolling surges of temptation
Sweeping over heart and brain —
They shall never overflow us,
For we know His word is true;
All His waves and all His billows,
He will lead us safely through.

Threatening breakers of destruction,
Doubt's insidious undertow,
Shall not sink us, shall not drag us
Out to ocean depths of woe;
For His promise shall sustain us,
Praise the Lord, whose Word is true!
We shall not go down, or under,
For He saith, "Thou passest through."

Annie Johnson Flint

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WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?

In Moses' hand 'twas but a rod
That showed the Father's power;
With David 'twas a sling that made
Him God's man of the hour.

It wasn't silver, neither gold
That Peter had to give;

And Dorcas but a needle had
Whereby to sew and live.

All by His power, our mighty God's,
His great omnipotence;
We see His will and work well done
Yoked with our impotence.

Eva Gray

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**THIS BLESSED CHRIST
OF CALVARY**

He gives to me His wondrous grace,
And shows to me His tender face;
Prepares me for a heavenly place,
This blessed Christ of Calvary!

O broken heart, let Him come in!
He'll save you from your every sin;
O'er every foe the vict'ry win,
This blessed Christ of Calvary!

Just come to Him this very hour,
He brings to you His saving pow'r;
With real joys your soul will show'r,
This blessed Christ of Calvary!

Someday He's coming then for me;
From death to ever set me free;
I'll live with Him for eternity,
This blessed Christ of Calvary!

**"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE
OF ME"**

(Luke 22:19)

I came from far for thee,
In love the long way down;
I left My throne for thee.
I wore a thorn-set crown.
All this I did for thee!
Wilt thou *remember Me?*

I bore thy sins for thee.
Wept tears of deepest woe:
I bore God's wrath for thee
To make thee white as snow.
Could love do more for thee?
Wilt thou *remember Me?*

I tasted death for thee.
Bore shame thy sins had wrought.
My life laid down for thee

To thee Life endless brought.
What is My death to thee?
Dost thou *remember Me?*

I gave Myself for thee
My all was freely given
Thy Bread of Life to be.
Thy Manna come from heaven.
All this am I to thee.
Eat and *remember Me.*

I drank thy cup for thee.
Thy cup of pain and tears.
My hands have filled for thee
My cup of sinless joy.
Of blessing full and free.
Drink and remember Me.

DELIVER ME

From prayer that asks that I may be
Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
From fearing when I should aspire,
From faltering when I should climb
higher,
From silken self, O Captain, free
Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From subtle love of softening things,
From easy choices, weakenings
(Not thus are spirits fortified,
Not this way went the Crucified),
From all that dims Thy Calvary,
O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments tire,
The passion that will burn like fire;
Let me not sink to be a clod;
Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

Amy Carmichael

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I MET THE MASTER

I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
Until one day in a quiet place I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
Much thought for my body but none for my soul,
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see,
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me;
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
While my castles melted and vanished away.

Melted and vanished and in their place Naught else did I see but the Master's face.
And I cried aloud, "Oh, make me meet To follow the steps of Thy wounded feet."

My thought is now for souls of men, I have lost my life to find it again, E'er since one day in a quiet place I met the Master face to face.

A HEART THAT WEEPS

Oh, for a heart that weeps o'er souls, Weeps with a love in anguish born!
Oh, for a broken, contrite heart, A heart for sinners rent and torn!

Oh, for the pangs of Calv'ry's death, In fellowship with Thee, my Lord! Oh, for the death that lives in life, And bleeds for those who spurn Thy Word!

Naught have I sought of blessing, Lord, Save that which brings lost souls to Thee; All else is vain, nor dare I boast — This, Lord, I crave, be this my plea. Have Thou Thy way whate'er the cost, In death I live, in life I die; Thy way, not mine, dear Lord, I pray, Souls, precious souls, my ceaseless cry.

Oswald J. Smith

DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY

Let me discern by living faith
The Christ who died for me,
Behold His precious body crushed
And bleeding on the Tree.

Then let me still discern by faith
That dear ascended Lord,
His body in the glory heights,
Yet here in power and Word.

And as I show His precious death
Until my Lord doth come
Let me discern the coming Christ
To take me to my Home.

Thus I shall never fail to see
In all His fullness blest
The Christ who died and rose for me,
And in whose Word I rest.

And when in glory from the skies
I see Him as He is,
My body shall be glorified
And shall be made like His.

Carrie Judd Montgomery

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

If none but you in the world today
Had tried to live the Christlike way,
Could the rest of the world look close at
you
And find the path that is strait and true?

If none but you in the world so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide,
Would the things you do and the things
you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of the Christ, in the world
today
Are many who watch you upon your way,
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true:

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
With its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they
think
Of the gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter to men
Take care that the writing is true;
'Tis the only gospel that some men will
read,
That gospel according to you.

TRUE WISDOM

True wisdom is in leaning
On Jesus Christ, our Lord;
True wisdom is in trusting
His own life-giving word;
True wisdom is in living
Near Jesus every day;
True wisdom is in walking
Where He shall lead the way.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Break thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit thirsts for Thee,
O Living Word.
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the loaves
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.

Mary A. Lathbury

ADORATION

I love my God, but with no love of mine,
For I have none to give;
I love Thee, Lord, but all the love is
Thine
For by Thy love I live.
I am as nothing, and rejoice to be
Emptied and lost and swallowed up in
Thee.

Thou, Lord, alone art all Thy children
need.
And there is none beside;
From Thee the streams of blessedness
proceed,
In Thee the blest abide —
Fountain of life and all-abounding grace,
Our source, our center, and our dwelling
place.

Madame Guyon

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THE RIDICULOUS OPTIMIST

There was once a man who smiled
Because the day was bright,
Because he slept at night,
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child;
Because his little one,
Could leap and laugh and run;
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth he smiled.

He smiled because the sky
Was high above his head,
Because the rose was red,
Because the past was dead!
He never wondered why
The Lord had blundered so
That all things have to go
The wrong way, here below
The over-arching sky.

He toiled, and still was glad
Because the air was free,
Because he loved, and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had!
Because the grasses grew,
Because the sweet winds blew,
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest!

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.

Ralph S. Cushman

THE MASTER'S CALL

Have you heard the Master's call?
Will you go forsaking all?
Millions still in sin and shame
Ne'er have heard the Saviour's name.

Some may give and some may pray,
But for you He calls today —
Will you answer: "Here am I,"
Or must Jesus pass you by?

Have you heard their bitter cry?
Can you bear to see them die,
Thousands who in darkest night,
Never yet have seen the light?

Soon 'twill be too late to go.
And your love for Jesus show.
Oh, then quickly haste away —
Tarry not another day!

What if you refuse to go?
Someone then will never know
Of the Saviour kind and true,
And the blame will rest on you.

Will you then forsaking all,
Gladly heed the Master's call:
Answer quickly, "Lord, send me!
To the lands beyond the sea"?

Oswald J. Smith

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ONLY ONE LIFE

Only one life to live here,
Only one message to share,
Only one thought for tomorrow —
The meeting in the air!

Only a few more trials,
Only a few more cares,
Then, oh then, we'll rejoice in
The meeting in the air!

Only a passion for lost ones,
Only a heart filled with care,
Only a life — lived for Jesus, then
The meeting in the air!

Only the blood-bought sinners,
Only the saved will be there
To behold the face of Jesus, in
The meeting in the air!

Gladys M. Bowman

HAVE I DONE MY BEST FOR JESUS?

I wonder, have I giv'n my best to Jesus
Who died upon the cruel tree?
To think of His great sacrifice at Calv'ry,
I know my Lord expects the best from
me.

How many are the lost that I have lifted?
How many are the chained I've helped
to free?
I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus,
When He has done so much for me?

The hours that I have wasted are so
many,
The hours I've spent for Christ so few.
Because of all my lack of love for Jesus,
I wonder if His heart is breaking too?

I wonder have I cared enough for others,
Or have I let them die alone?
I might have helped a wand'r'er to the
Saviour;
The seed of precious life I might have
sown.

No longer will I stay within the valley,
I'll climb to mountain heights above;
The world is dying now for the want of
someone
To tell them of the Saviour's matchless
love,

Ensign Edwin Young

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SAVED, BUT —

I am saved, but is self buried?
Is my one, my only aim,
Just to honor Christ my Saviour,
Just to glorify His name?

I am saved, but is my home life
What the Lord would have it be?
Is it seen in every action,
Jesus has control of me?

I am saved, but am I doing
Everything that I can do,
That the dying souls around me,
May be brought to Jesus, too?

I am saved, but could I gladly,
Lord, leave all and follow Thee?
If Thou callest can I answer,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

Communion — Consecration, Desire

THE HIGHER CALLING

We may not work a miracle

In any given place,

But we can be a miracle

Of God's redeeming grace.

The call to work a miracle

May be for one short day:

The gift to be a miracle

Shall never pass away.

W. M. Czamanske

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see

This one and that one needing Thee:

Hearts that are dumb, unsatisfied;

Lives that are dark, for whom Christ died.

Open my eyes in sympathy

Clear into man's deep soul to see;

Wise with Thy wisdom to discern.

And with Thy heart of love to yearn.

Open my eyes in power, I pray,
Give me the strength to speak today,
Someone to bring, dear Lord, to Thee;
Use me, O Lord, use even me.

Betty Scott Stam

THE PROMISE

I've tried in vain, day after day
To work and live in such a way

That my resolves would all be kept
But I have failed and often wept.

And then I learned Christ died for me
And so I knelt at Calvary

Hoping tumultuous thoughts would cease,
That I might find some precious peace.

It did not come in startling ways;
But I have found salvation pays.

The still, small voice whispered to me,
"I'll make you what you want to be."

Mary B. Fowler

Desire

ONE THING I OF THE LORD DESIRE

One thing I of the Lord desire,

For all my way hath miry been:

Be it by water or by fire,

O make me clean!

If clearer vision Thou impart,

Grateful and glad my soul shall be;

But yet to have a purer heart

Is more to me.

Yea, only as the heart is clean

May larger vision yet be mine,

For mirrored in its depths are seen
The things divine.

I watch to shun the miry way,
And stanch the spring of guilty
thought:

But, watch and wrestle as I may,
Pure I am not.

So wash Thou me without, within;
Or purge with fire, if that must be;
No matter how, if only sin
Die out in me.

MY HEART'S DESIRE

Come, Spirit of Thy Holy Love,
Into this poor life of mine,
Make Thou in me Thy dwelling place
That I'll be wholly Thine.

Help me to live for others, Lord,
That they will plainly see

The beauty of Thy Holy Life,
Reflected, Lord, in me.

Then when I stand before Thee, Lord
And lay my trophies down,
Wilt Thou receive them, Lord of grace,
And give to me a crown?

Determination

IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But with a chuckle he replied
That "maybe it couldn't" but he would be
the one
Who wouldn't say until he tried,
So he buckled right in, with a trace of
a grin
On his face. If he worried, he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed, "Oh you'll never do
that
At least no one has ever done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off
his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With the lift of his chin and a bit of a
grin,
Without any doubting or "quiddit,"
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot
be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you,
one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you;
But just buckle in with a bit of grin
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the
thing
That "cannot be done" and you'll do it.

HIS BEST

God has His best things for the few
Who dare to stand the test,
God has His second choice for those
Who will not take His best.
And others make the highest choice,
But when by trials pressed,
They shrink, they yield, they shun the
cross,
And so they lose His best.
I want in this short life of mine
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man
Help me to be Thy best.
I want among the victor-throng
To have my name confessed,
And hear the Master say at last
"Well done! you did your best."

Determination

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When funds are low and debts are high,
And you want to smile, but have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns;
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won, had he stuck it out.
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to winning the crown.

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
You never can tell how close you are,
It may be near, when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

JUST KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON

If the day looks kinder gloomy,
An' your chances kinder slim!

If the situation's puzzlin'
An' the prospect's awful grim,

An' perplexities keep pressin'
Till all hope is nearly gone,

Jus' bristle up an' grit your teeth
An' keep on keepin' on.

Fumin' never wins a fight,
An' frettin' never pays

There ain't no good of broodin' in
These pessimistic ways —

Smile just kinder cheerfully
When hope is nearly gone,

An' bristle up an' grit your teeth,
An' keep on keepin' on.

There ain't no use in growlin'
An' grumblin' all the time,

When music's ringing everywhere
An' everything's a rhyme —

Jus' keep on smilin' cheerfully,
If hope is nearly gone,

An' bristle up an' grit your teeth,
And keep on keepin' on.

Determination — The Devil

KEEP YOUR GRIT

Hang on! Cling on! No matter what they say.

Push on! Sing on! Things will come your way.

Sitting down and whining never helps a bit;

Best way to get there is by keeping up your grit.

Don't give up hoping when the ship goes down,

Grab a spar or something — just refuse to drown.

Don't think you're dying because you're hit.

Smile in face of danger and hang on to your grit.

Folks die too easy — they sort of fade away,

Make a little error, and give up in dismay.

Kind of man that's needed is the man of ready wit,

To laugh at pain and trouble and keep his grit.

The Devil

THE DEVIL

Men don't believe in a devil now,
As their fathers used to do;
They've forced the door of the broadest creed

To let his majesty through;
There isn't a print of his cloven foot
Or a fiery dart from his bow
To be found in earth and air today,
For the world has voted so.

But who is mixing the fatal draught
That palsies heart and brain,
And loads the earth of each passing year
With ten hundred thousand slain?

Who blights the bloom of the land today
With the fiery breath of hell?

If the devil isn't and never was
Won't somebody rise and tell?

Won't somebody step to the front forth-with,

And make his bow and show
How the frauds and the crimes of the day spring up?

For surely we want to know.
The devil was fairly voted out,

And of course the devil is gone;
But simple people would like to know
Who carries his business on?

Discipleship

DISCIPLESHIP

"He saith unto them, Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19).

Matthew left his place of toil
And Christ as Lord confessed,
Zacchaeus left his wayside tree
And entertained his guest;
And Mary left her household tasks
To hear her Master's voice,
While fishers' left their boats and nets,
And followed Christ from choice;
A woman left her water-pots
To spread good news abroad;
Then gladly will I leave my all
To follow Christ my Lord.

C. O. Bales

MY BOOK OF LIFE

I closed another chapter
In my book of life today,
And paused for meditation
As I laid the book away.

I thought of smudgy pages
Where the record was not clear,
And dreary lines of trouble
Clouded o'er by doubt and fear.

It's now too late to alter
Any script that's dried and set;
The story's far from perfect,
But it's vain to stew and fret.

I asked the Lord to pardon
The mistakes that mar the book,

And give me grace and courage
By a hopeful, Christ-ward look.

So now, there lies before me
A new chapter clean and white.
And I hope to write its pages
So the plot will turn out right.

I trust the final chapters
Will the Master's plan reveal,
And weave the many fragments
To depict a life that's real.

Frances Humphrey

THE COST

You say it will cost much to follow,
But what will it cost to refuse?
You may gain the world and its glories,
But what if your soul you thus lose?

You say He may call you to follow
Leaving all that to you is so dear
Yea, even to give your own life blood
That souls still in darkness may hear.

If you would thus follow the Master
On the altar all things must be laid
He gave His own life as a ransom,
His blood your redemption has paid.

Be sure you count the cost rightly
Putting value where value should be
If you put Jesus first and His glory
All things will be added to thee.

Flora L. Osgood

HEARTSEARCH

Am I emptied, Lord, of self?
 Search this sinful heart of mine;
 Bring the hidden secrets out
 To the view of love divine.

Probe my motives, thoughts, and plans,
 Attitudes, and loves, and will;
 Until I see, as Thou dost see,
 Self poured out, so Thou canst fill.

Fill with love — thus Thou canst bless
 Others through this house of clay
 Yielded, fruitful, in Thy will,
 Following in Thy perfect way.

Evelyn K. Gibson

CHRIST IN YOU

Has someone seen Christ in you today?
 Christian, look at your heart, I pray.
 The little things you have done or said—
 Did they accord with the way you
 prayed?

Have your thoughts been pure and words
 been kind?

Have you sought to have the Saviour's
 mind?

The world with a criticizing view
 Has watched — but did it see Christ
 in you?

Has someone seen Christ in you today?
 Christian, look at your life, I pray;
 There are aching hearts and blighted
 souls

Being lost in sin's destructive shoals.
 And perhaps of Christ, their only view
 May be what of Him they see in you.
 Will they see enough to bring hope and
 cheer?

Look at your light, does it shine out
 clear?

I KNOW

I know not what my health will be,
 But this I know full well —
 Sufficient it will be for me
 To do my Lord's work well.

I know not what that work will be,
 But this I fully know:
 That I'll have opportunity
 For tasks that God doth show.

I know not where God's choice may be
 For me my years to spend,
 But this I know — He'll be with me
 Until those years shall end.

Verda Group

I TURN TO JESUS

I cannot turn from Jesus,
 He means so much to me;
 My sins He has forgiven,
 His grace has set me free.
 I journey on to heaven
 With Him, my Friend, my guide,
 For He will never leave me
 No matter what betide.

I turn from all that grieves Him
 And seek to do His will;
 He carries all my burdens,
 I know He loves me still.
 Oh, precious Lord and Saviour,
 How dear He is to me!
 I glory in His presence
 And long His face to see.

I turn to Him in sorrow
 When tempted and opprest,
 I find Him all He promised,
 My Strength, my Joy, my Rest.
 His grace is all sufficient
 However dark my way;
 I worship and adore Him
 And praise Him night and day.

Oswald J. Smith

Discouragement

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace when the burdens
grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the
labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, His multiplied
peace.

When we have exhausted our store of
endurance;
When our strength has failed e'er the
day is half done;
When we reach the end of our hoarded
resources
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no
measure,
His power no boundary known unto
men;

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth and giveth, and giveth again.

Annie Johnson Flint

DON'T

Don't get discouraged when you hear
What people say about you;
Don't get the blues and drop a tear
Because they chance to doubt you.

Don't go around with troubled brow,
O'erlooking all life's' beauty;
The folks that talk will suffer more
Than you, so do your duty.

Don't fret and fume and wish them ill,
Their lives hold little pleasure;
Send back a message of good will —
'Twill serve to heap your measure.

Don't be discouraged, for the world
Will always criticize you;
Earth's dearest treasure is the few
True friends who love and prize you.

MISTAKES

Erasers are such handy things
On pencils, there's no doubt.
A few quick rubs, the wrong words go,
Mistakes are soon rubbed out.

But errors of a different sort
That cannot be erased,
Are often spilled from someone's lips,
And cannot be replaced.

And with each thoughtless spoken word,
Sharp as a leopard's tooth,
The harm we do is just as great,
As some widespread untruth.

But with these careless spoken words,
Erasers play no part.
The mark we leave, by word or deed,
Cuts deep in someone's heart .

George W. Swarberg

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Do not spend your time in fretting;
Spend it, rather, in forgetting

 Little things that wound you so.

Do not let the whole world know
That you'd rather sit a-grieving
When you might be out relieving

 Pain and care. Rise up, be true!
 Just find something good to do.

When your days are full of sighing,
Don't give up, but keep on trying

 Some good cause to help along,

 You will soon forget the wrong
That the dismal days are bringing,
If you time your work to singing.

 When your skies are dark in hue,
 Just find something good to do.

When your life seems full of trouble,
Pain and care will always double,

 If you talk about your woes;

 Also will your skies disclose
Brighter tints upon the morrow,
When the lessons taught by sorrow

 Help instead of hinder you.

 Just find something good to do.

Spend no time in dull repining;
Everywhere the sun is shining.

 And the future ways are bright,

 If we truly see aright.

Life is what we make it, truly,
And 'twill seldom go unruly

 If the right course we pursue —
 Just find something good to do.

DISCOURAGED

We mustn't get discouraged at the things
 which people say

We mustn't get depressed if things refuse
 to go our way

We must be just like Joshua with faith
 to battle on

To just "be of good courage" with the
 Lord to lean upon.

Things sometime seem to cloud the way,
 but after comes the sun

We see the cloud's significance when all
 the storm is done.

Our wish would often not be right, but
 harmful and unjust

The thing that's best will come, if we in
 God will put our trust.

Lucille Stanaback

Easter

NOT THERE

Oh, the anguish of Mary!
Her grief and despair
When she came to the tomb
And the Lord was not there!
As she silently stood
With her balm and her myrrh,
And His winding-sheet only
Was waiting for her.

Oh, the blackness of death!
Life's utter despair
Had she not come to the tomb,
And the Lord had been there
Lying wrapped in the shroud,
With the balm and the myrrh,
And no risen Redeemer
Had waited for her.

Easter

THE CROSS AND THE TOMB

"He died," saith the cross, "my very name
Was a hated thing and a word of shame;
But since Christ hung on my arms out-spread,
With nails in His hands and thorns on His head,

'They do but measure — set high, flung wide —

The measureless love of the Crucified."
"He rose," said the tomb, "I was dark and drear,
And the sound of my name wove a spell of fear;

But the Lord of Life in my depths hath lain
To break Death's power and rend his chain;
And a light streams forth from my open door,
For the Lord is risen; He dies no more."

Annie Johnson Flint

THE SEPULCHER

The Man had died on the cross,
And they laid Him in the tomb;
The Living Stone in the stone,
The Rock in the rock-hewn room;
They left Him alone with Death,
And sealed the stone at the door;
They made the sepulcher secure,
And set their watch before.

"Lest his friends should steal him away,
And say that he rose," they said.
But Life escaped from Death,
And the God-man rose from the dead.

The skeptical minds of men

Still think the sepulcher sure,
But Christ had said, "I will arise,"
And the counsels of God endure.

Still His disciples go

To carry the wondrous word:
"The Lord is risen indeed!
We know — we have seen and heard."
And the tomb men think so sure,
With the seal of their scorn on the door,
The place where the Lord once lay,
Is empty forevermore.

Annie Johnson Flint

HIS LIFE IS OURS

We must not, in our hurried lives,
Forget the cross whereby
Christ Jesus died that we might live
And find Him ever nigh.
Yes, Jesus died in agony
Such as we cannot know,
For on His precious head were laid
Our sin and shame and woe!

Between the earth and sky He hung
That He might reconcile
Our hearts to God and give us life,
Not only for awhile,
But for eternity! What great,
What selfless sacrifice,
That we may resurrection know
Since He has paid the price!

The cross has crumbled now, and lies
As dust within the ground,
But Christ will live forevermore,
And grace will e'er abound!
No need have we to fear, for He
Has conquered, for us all,
Sin, shame, and death; His life is ours
Whatever may befall!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

Easter — Examination

HE LIVES! HE LIVES TO BLESS!

He lives! He lives! He lives to bless
Each heart that welcomes Him!

He lives as truly now as when

In shadows cool and dim
He walked along the garden path
All wet with morning dew,
Where sleepy birds were wakening
And fragrant lilies grew.

He lives! He lives! He lives today

As truly as of yore,
When angels rolled away the stone
And opened wide the door.

He lives! He lives! O earth rejoice!

For Jesus lives today,
And, oh, His blessed presence can
Each doubt and fear allay.

He lives! He lives! Oh, can we doubt

That living presence when
The life He promised He would give
Dwells in the hearts of men?

Then, O rejoice! The Saviour lives!
Rejoice and own Him King!

Then all of heaven's blessedness

Into your heart He'll bring!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

EASTER, DAY OF CHRIST ETERNAL

In the inn they had no room.

One who loved Him loaned his tomb.
Death could not hold Him nor its prey,
There in earth but grave-clothes lay!

From the death He died for sin,
Came our Conqueror forth to win!
On the third day rose "The King!"
Of His triumph Christians sing.

Hallelujah! Join the chorus,
Magnify our Saviour Jesus!
Tell the world His blood has power,
Shout aloud His grace this hour!

Easter, day of Christ eternal!
Satan conquered in His world.
Time of praise and prayer and glory
Matchless Christ, Oh, wondrous story.

Maurice Moore

Examination

INFLUENCE

I spoke a word
And no one heard:
I wrote a word
And no one cared:
But after a half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,

Sowers of seed unconsciously.
Our hearts are beyond our ken,
Yet all we give may come again
With usury of joy and pain;
We never know
To what one little word may grow
See to it, then, that all your seed
Be such as bring forth noble deed.

John Oxenham

Examination

DO IT NOW

He was going to be all that a mortal
should be — Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he
— Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he
knew,
Who'd be glad of a lift, and who needed
it, too;

On him he would call and see what he
could do — Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters
he'd write — Tomorrow.

And thought of the folks he would fill
with delight — Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
More time he would have to give others,
he'd say — Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would
have been — Tomorrow.

The world would have known him had he
ever seen — Tomorrow.

But the fact is he died, and he faded from
view,

And all that he left, when living was
through,

Was a mountain of things he intended to
do — Tomorrow.

REFLECTION

One day I looked at myself,
At the self that Christ can see;
I saw the person I am today,
And the one I ought to be.
I saw how little I really pray,
How little I really do;
I saw the influence of my life,
How little of it was true!
I saw the bundle of faults and fears
I ought to lay on the shelf;

I had given a little bit to God —
But I hadn't given myself.
I came from seeing myself,
With my mind made up to be
The sort of person that Christ can use,
With a heart He may always see.

AT THE PLACE OF THE SEA

"By the greatness of thine arm they shall be still . . . till thy people pass over, O Lord" — Exodus 15:16.

Have you come to the Red Sea place in
your life,

Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no back,
There is no other way but—through?

Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the wind, He will heap the
floods,

When He says to your soul, "Go on."

And His hand will lead you through —
clear through —

Ere the watery walls roll down,

No foe can reach you, no wave can touch,
No mightiest sea can drown;

The tossing billows may rear their crests,
Their foam at your feet may break,
But over their bed you shall walk dry
shod

In the path your Lord will make.

In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted
cloud,

You shall see but the Lord alone,
When He leads you on from the place of
the sea

To land that you have not known;
And your fears shall pass as your foes
have passed,

You shall be no more afraid;
You shall sing His praise in a better
place,
A place that His hand has made.

Annie Johnson Flint

WHAT I SEE IN ME

I have so many faults myself
 I seldom ever see
 A defect in another's life
 But what I see in me,
 I make so many rash mistakes
 I feel condemned to find
 A bit of fault in everyone
 When I'm so far behind.

I used to censure everyone;
 I was a Pharisee,
 Until quite unexpectedly
 I got a glimpse of me,
 I tried to justify myself
 And frame some alibi;
 But here I stood, caught by myself
 And I to me won't lie.

And now whenever I'm inclined
 Some other's judge to be,
 I always go and take a look
 At him whom I call me,
 I find it is a splendid thing —
 Just try it and you'll see —
 To keep from criticizing folk,
 Let each "I" look at "Me."

LET ME LOOK AT ME

I know I have a lot of faults
 I never even see,
 But my neighbor knows about them,
 For he is watching me!

I try to walk exemplary,
 Obeying God's commands,
 But never see the little sins
 My neighbor understands!

I readily can see his faults,
 They stand out sharp and strong,
 And am amazed he cannot see
 What is so clearly wrong.

And then I am convicted

As the Spirit whispers low,
 "If you would truly judge yourself,
 No judgment you would know."

I humbly ask God's pardon,
 And beg Him search within
 And show me all the little things
 I do not see as sin.

That when I judge my neighbor.
 As all his faults I see,
 I'll turn my eyes away from him,
 And look instead at me.

Bessie June Martin

MY NEED

I need a strength to keep me true
 And straight in every thing I do;
 I need a power to keep me strong
 When I am tempted to do wrong;
 I need a grace to keep me pure
 When passion tries its deadly lure;
 I need a love to keep me sweet
 When hardness and mistrust I meet;
 I need an arm to be my stay
 When dark with trouble grows my way;
 And nought on earth can these afford
 But all is found in Christ my Lord.

A COMPARISON

We fear to judge a watermelon
 By the exterior view,
 We plug it for a peep inside,
 To see if it will do.

Now man is like the melon
 That's sold down on the mart;
 We cannot rightly judge him
 Unless we see his heart.

But since we haven't vision
 This job to undertake,
 We'd better leave it up to God,
 And save a sad mistake.

Evolution

THREE MONKEYS

Three monkeys once dining in a cocoanut tree

Were discussing some things they had heard true to be,

"What do you think? now listen you two,
Here, monkeys, is something that cannot be true,

That humans descended from our pure race.

Why, it's simply shocking — a terrible disgrace.

"Who ever heard of a monkey deserting his wife?

Leave a baby starve and ruin its life?
And have you ever known of a mother monk

To leave her darling, with a stranger to bunk?

Their babies are handed from one to another

And scarce ever know the love of a mother.

"And I've never known a monkey so selfish to be

As to build a big fence around the cocoanut tree

So other monkeys can't get a wee taste,
But would let all the cocoanuts here go to waste.

Why, if I'd put a fence around this cocoanut tree,

Starvation would force you to steal from me.

"And here is another thing a monkey won't do,

Seek a bootlegger's shanty and get in a stew,

Carouse and go on a whoopee, disgracing his life,

Then reel madly home and beat up his wife

They call this all a pleasure and make a big fuss,

They've descended from something, but not from us."

Faith

TRUST HIM

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,
Trust Him when thy strength is small
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful,
Trust Him, for His will is best,

Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him through cloud or sunshine
All thy cares upon Him cast
Till the storms of life are over,
And the trusting days are past.

PERFECT LOVE

Perfect love the Father giveth,
Full of grace so rich and free,
Like the rain or dew of morning
Falling now on you and me.

Perfect love is born in Jesus,
Naught of self can victory gain,
Till we find it all in Jesus
All our efforts prove but vain.

Perfect love will never falter
Perfect love will never fear,
And when the days are dark and stormy
Perfect love will always cheer.

Perfect love will never slander,
Friend or foe where e'er they go;
But will raise a fallen brother,
And will take his seat below.

Perfect love that long will suffer,
Never murmur or complain,
Never ask her own, or covet
Others' wealth, or earthly fame.

Perfect love is meek and lowly,
Perfect love is rich and free,
Perfect love is Jesus only,
Come to dwell in you and me.

LIGHT AND LOVE, HOPE AND FAITH

Light is made to shine in darkness,
Let us, in this world of woe,
Shine as luminaries; brighten
Dismal pathways as we go.

Love is sent to rout the hatred
Of a sad and sin-cursed earth;

Let us love and lift in kindness,
Through our Saviour, give it mirth.

Hope is born to cheer the faint heart,
'Tis the bright and morning star
To the weary, ladened pilgrim;
As he, trusting, looks afar.

Faith, a ladder, still is reaching
From beyond the beck'ning skies;
Charts the course of every Christian,
Leads us on to paradise.

Eva Gray

THAT'S FAITH

Looking away from my sin and my
shame,
Looking away from my sorrow and pain,
Looking to Jesus, the Lamb that was
slain —
That's faith.

Looking away from my knowledge and
pride,
Looking to Jesus my Shepherd and
Guide,
Looking to Jesus and Him crucified —
That's faith.

Looking away from my gain or my loss,
Looking away from the world and its
dress,
Looking to Jesus on Calvary's cross —
That's faith.

Looking away from my faith or its lack,
Looking to Jesus, whose Word is not
slack,
Looking to Jesus and turning not back —
That's faith.

S. N. Leitner

Faith — Father

FEATHERED FAITH

Said the sparrow to the robin,
"I would surely like to know
What makes these busy humans
Rush about and worry so!"

Said the robin to the sparrow,
"I don't know unless it be
They have no Heavenly Father
To care for them like you and me."

THE GOD IN WHOM WE TRUST

Not in works or vain endeavors,
To fulfill a broken law,
Not in empty forms and fashions
From which some their comfort draw:
But in God, who ever liveth
And who ever loves to bless
All who in His mercy trusteth,
All who do His Christ confess.

Faith in God who loves the sinner,
Trust in Christ who died to save,
Simply taking what He offers,
Just accepting what He gave.
Brings at once the glad assurance

Of forgiveness by His grace,
Full acceptance in His favor,
And among His sons a place.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

When inclined to be discouraged
And all hope seems to depart,
Don't forget that Jesus liveth
And still has you on His heart.

When your load seems hard to carry
And the burden no one shares,
Though the world seems not to pity
Just remember, Jesus cares.

When thou passest through the waters
And no earthly help you see,
Do not lose your faith in God, for
He has said, "I'll be with thee."

So, dear heart, fear not, take courage,
For the Word of God is true.
Jesus said, "I'll never leave thee,
But will guide while passing through."

Joe Budzynski

Father

SERVICE SUPREME

A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do he tries.
Like me he says he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The base in me he must not see,
That little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go
Thro' summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for years to be—
That little chap who follows me.

DOES DADDY GO?

Daddy had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow
He never went to Bible school,
'Cause Daddy wouldn't go.

He never heard the Word of God
That thrills the childish mind
While other children went to class,
This child was left behind.

As he grew from babe to youth,
Dad saw to his dismay,
A soul that once was snowy white,
Became a dingy gray.

Realizing that his son was lost,
Dad tried to win him back;
But now the soul that once was white,
Had turned an ugly black.

Dad even started back to church
And Bible study too;
He begged the preacher, "Isn't there
A thing that you can do?"

The preacher tried, failed, and said,
"We're just too far behind;
I tried to tell you years ago,
But you would pay no mind."

And so another soul was lost,
That once was white as snow;
Bible school would have helped
But Daddy wouldn't go.

A FATHER SPEAKS

Father in heaven, make me wise,
So that my gaze may never meet
A question in my children's eyes.
God, keep me always kind and sweet,
And patient, too, before their need;

Let each vexation know its place,
Let gentleness be all my creed,
Let laughter live upon my face!
A Father's day is very long,
There are so many things to do!
But never let me lose my song
Before the harvest day is through.

DAD'S GREATEST JOB

I may never be as clever as my neighbor
down the street,
I may never be as wealthy as some other
men I meet;
I may never have the glory that some
other men have had,
But I've got to be successful as a little
fellow's dad.
There are certain dreams I cherish that
I'd like to see come true,
There are things I would accomplish ere
my working time is through;
But the task my heart is set on is to guide
a little lad
And to make myself successful as that
little fellow's dad.
It is that one job I dream of; it's the task
I think of most;
If I'd fail that growing youngster I'd
have nothing else to boast;
For though wealth and fame I'd gather,
all my future would be sad,
If I'd failed to be successful as that little
fellow's dad.
I may never get earth's glory; I may
never gather gold;
Men may count me as failure when my
business life is told;
But if he who follows after is a Christian,
I'll be glad —
For I'll know I've been successful as a
little fellow's dad.

Father — Future

TO ANY DADDY

There are little eyes upon you, and
they're watching night and day;
There are little ears that quickly take in
every word you say;
There are little hands all so eager to do
everything you do,
And a little boy who's dreaming of the
day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol, you're the
wisest of wise;
In his little mind about you no suspicions
ever rise;
He believes in you devoutly, holds that
all you say and do
He will say and do in your way too when
he's grown up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow who
believes you're always right,
And his ears are always open and he
watches day and night.

You are setting an example every day in
all that you do,
For the little boy who's waiting to grow
up to be like you.

DEAR OLD DAD

So often we praise our mothers here and
merit all their ways.
We so ignore the fact that Dad he, too,
deserves some praise.
Who strives to earn the daily bread? To
keep all healthy — glad?
Isn't he that gets so little praise And
that is dear old Dad.

To praise our mothers, that is good (This
they may deserve)
Yet why so slack in praising Dad and
keep in reserve?
Let's measure their equalities — give
merits, praise, when due.
Start pinning laurels on your Dad, He's
done a lot for you.

Eva Gilbert Shaver

Future

INVOCATION FOR THE NEW YEAR

God give you faith this coming year!
The faith that will not fail in keenest test;
That trusts and sings in midst of fire and
storm;
And dares rely upon His Word and rest.

God give you hope this coming year!
The hope that through the darkness sees
afar
The purifying hope that fondly waits

The rising of the Bright and Morning
Star.

God give you Love this coming year!
His own great love that burns out for the
lost;
That intercedes, and waits, and suffers
long
That never fails, nor stops to count the
cost.

Margaret D. Armstrong

THIS TOO WILL PASS AWAY

When some great sorrow, like a mighty river,
Flows through your life with peace destroying power,
And dearest things are swept from sight forever,
Say to your aching heart each trying hour,
“This too, this too, will pass away.”

When ceaseless toil has hushed your song of gladness

And you have grown almost too tired to pray,
Let this truth banish from your heart its sadness,
And ease the burden of each trying day:
“This too, this too, will pass away.”

When fortune smiles, and full of mirth and pleasure

The days are flitting by without a care,
Lest you should rest with only earthly treasure,
Let these few words their fullest import bear:
“This too, this too, will pass away.”

When earnest labor brings you fame and glory,

And all earth's noblest ones upon you smile,

Remember that life's longest, grandest story

Fills but a moment in earth's little while:
“This too, this too, will pass away.”

Thank God that earthly things are not forever,

Thank God, eternal life is free today;
That joy and peace and gladness reigneth ever,

And bliss supreme shall never, never pass away.

THE BEST CHOICE

He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice with Him.

GOD'S PAY

Who does God's work will get God's pay,
However long may be the day.
He does not pay as others pay,
In gold, or land, or raiment gay,
In goods that perish or decay;
But God's high wisdom knows the way,
And this is sure, let come what may—
Who does God's work will get God's pay.

TOMORROW

In His hands I leave tomorrow;
For my Heavenly Father knows
What is needed for my future;
When it comes He will disclose
Ways and means I could not reckon,
As His all-providing power
Brings to pass the right solution,
All sufficient for each hour.

As I meet with firm assurance
What the present now requires,
I am given strength and purpose,
So I ask that my desires
May be righteous, just, and kindly,
Measured by His love, I pray:
In His hands I leave tomorrow
As I walk with Him today.

Della Adams Leitner

Future

WE'LL MEET AGAIN

We'll meet again the loved ones gone
before us —
In that bright realm the land of light and
love;
It may be that e'en now they're watching
o'er us,
And longing for the time we'll meet
above.

We'll meet again of that we may be
certain,
In that bright home so wondrous and so
fair,
Whose glories, veiled to us as by a
curtain,
Through God's redeeming grace we are
to share.

We'll meet where neither sadness nor
sorrows
Shall for one moment rob the heart of joy;
Where there shall be no dark uncertain
mornings,
Or aught whatever to the bliss destroy.

Ah, yes, we'll meet again in that bright
glory;
How wondrous it will be to talk things
o'er,
And to begin a fresh, but never-ending
story
Of life which shall endure forevermore.

J. Danson Smith

GOD IS IN EVERY TOMORROW

God is in every tomorrow,
Therefore I live for today,
Certain of finding at sunrise,
Guidance and strength for the day;
Power for each moment of weakness;
Hope for each moment of pain,

Comfort for every sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,
Planning for you and for me;
E'en in the dark will I follow,
Trust where my eyes cannot see.
Stilled by His promise of blessing,
Soothed by the touch of His hand,
Confident in His protection,
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow,
Life with its changes may come,
He is behind and before me,
While in the distance shines Home!
Home where no thoughts of tomorrow
Ever can shadow my brow,
Home in the presence of Jesus,
Through all eternity now!

OUR TIMES ARE IN HIS HANDS

Have you committed all to God?
Then be assured He'll do the rest,
If He the sparrow's fall doth note,
He'll surely hover o'er thy nest.

He clothes the lily of the field
Each blade of grass receives His dew.
Think not, O thou of little faith,
He'll do much more, for me, for you?

Our times are in His blessed hands
Our food and raiment He'll supply;
He'll do abundantly and more,
If we but on His Word rely.

He'll give His angels charge o'er thee
To overshadow and protect.
He'll give His Spirit's grace and power
To fill, to comfort, and direct.

Mary D. Freeze

HE IS COMING

Oh, the joy of looking forward
To the day when Christ shall come,
To the glorious resurrection
Of the saints who've "overcome."

To the raptures of the Rapture,
Going up to be with Him
Through the ages of the ages
His sweet face will ne'er grow dim.

Yes, the world may scatter pleasures
That would thrill a human heart,
But the joy of seeing Jesus
Has no earthly counterpart.

It may take a little waiting
Till God's time is truly right,
But to know that He is coming
Fills the soul with pure delight.

Gladys M. Gearhart

God's Care

I KNOW HE IS REAL

I wish I could tell it — how wondrous is
He
Who once died on Calv'ry, and now lives
within me!

I cannot describe it just how I now feel,
But glory to Jesus! I know He is real!
The doubts are all settled; I'm His, yes,
all His

The love of Jesus, how boundless it is!
It fills me and thrills me, and makes my
heart glow,

I've joy in His service as I onward go.
His presence is with me, His Spirit
abides,

He saves me and keeps me and always
He guides,
He sanctifies wholly; O praise the dear
Name

Of One who throughout ev'ry age is the
same.

A full "yes" to Jesus I've said in my soul,
His precious Blood covers, His grace
makes me whole,

I love Him, adore Him, in woe or in
weal —

O praise Him forever! I know He is real!

"IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID"

When the storm was fiercely raging
On the lake of Galilee
And their helpless bark was tossing
On the wild, tempestuous sea,
Walking on the raging waters
In a robe of Light arrayed,
Jesus came, oh, hear Him calling
"It is I, be not afraid!"

When the storms of life are raging,
And the night is dark and drear,
When our strength is spent in toiling
And our spirit sinks with fear,
Oft again we see Him coming,
Swiftly hastening to our aid;
Often still we hear Him calling
"It is I, be not afraid!"

When the night of death shall lower,
And the Jordan's surges roll,
When the hour and power of darkness
Overwhelm the sinking soul,
Then above the raging billows,
And night's deepest, darkest shade,
We shall hear Him calling to us
"It is I, be not afraid!"

A. B. Simpson

God's Care

THE PILOT

As I sail o'er life's wide ocean,
Speeding to eternity;
Christ, the One who never slumbers,
Will my trusty Pilot be.

Hidden rocks I'm not alarmed at,
Neither fear the bar of sand;
For I've given o'er the tiller,
To the Pilot's steady hand.

Then through sunshine, rain or tempest,
In the darkness or the day;
Though there be no track or pathway,
Yet the Pilot knows the way.

Are you drifting, surely drifting,
O'er life's wild and trackless sea?
Christ is calling o'er the billows,
He your Pilot wants to be.

If you'll listen to His pleading,
Though you see no port in sight;
He through simple faith will show you
Bright and clear, the harbor light.

MY FRIEND

I have a friend so kind and true,
I want that you should know Him too.
"Tis Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
Blessed Saviour, most holy One.

He suffered, bled and died for me,
From sin and shame to set me free.
Living again, my burdens He bears —
Ready and willing to answer my prayers.

And even in death I'll have no fear,
For Jesus Christ is always near.
He'll gently take me by the hand
And lead me home to heaven's land.

My Friend is standing at your door.
He's been there many times before.

Marjorie Lorene Buster

HE CARES

Do your days seem long, your pleasures few;
You have more griefs than your neighbors do;
The skies always cloudy, and never blue?
Friend, go to God; He cares for you.

Your every task, they seem so long;
You try to do right, but it turns out wrong;
There's never room in your heart for a song,
Friend, go to Jesus; His arm is strong.

You smile as you start a brand-new day;
But after awhile the smile goes away;
Everything goes, but the grief seems to stay.
Friend, go to God, when you feel that way.

You start off the day so happy and free;
But way in the distance more trouble you see,
So back to your state of perplexity flee;
But Jesus has said, "Come unto me!"

There's only one way to lose all that care;
To go through the day with a song in the air,
Slip down on your knees, in a moment of prayer,
Wherever you meet Him, He's waiting there.

Owen C. Salway

GOD'S EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Since God's eye is on the sparrow,
Need I ever anxious be?
Should I needless trouble borrow
When I know He cares for me?

Since God's eye is on the sparrow,
And all things are in His hands,
I will trust Him for tomorrow,
Gladly heeding His commands.

Since God's eye is on the sparrow
And He watches over all,
I can walk the path, tho' narrow,
Knowing He'll not let me fall.

Yes! God's eye is on the sparrow
And He watches over me;
So I'll trust Him, ever trust Him,
Since I know He cares for me.

Bertha Meyer

JESUS NEVER FAILS

Jesus never fails God's children
As we journey on life's way,
Though sometimes the road seems
rugged,
And sometimes dark seems the day.

Satan is allowed to tempt us
Till it seems that we may fall,
But the Master's ever near us
And will hear the faintest call.

Jesus guards and guides us onward
Calmly by the waters still,
Or along the thorny pathway,
Leading higher up the hill.

Blessed be the name of Jesus;
Let us sing His praises true;

For He dearly loves His children
And will lead them safely through.

Walter E. Isenhour

HIS PRESENCE

I've walked along with Jesus
These many days and years;
He's shared my joys, and sorrows,
And wiped away my tears.

He's taught me many lessons
By precept and by word;
By His restraining Spirit,
And sometimes by the rod.

He's led me, gently led me
Through pastures green and sweet,
And through afflictions trying
And through the furnace heat.

His presence has not failed me;
His promises have stood,
Like rocks, down underneath me
When trials came, in floods.

He's heard me when I've asked Him
For those who went astray;
And no good thing withheld from me
As I walked in His own way.

Dale Schulz

HOW?

Leave the How with Jesus —
'Tis enough to know
Faithful to His promise,
Help He will bestow.
Leave the How with Jesus —
He will all explain;
Only trust Him fully
Till He comes again.

THE BEST FOR ME

I do not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way,
I do not know tomorrow's road,
Nor see beyond today;
But this I know — My Saviour knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand
To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain,
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure and of pain;
But this I know — my Saviour knows,
And whatsoe'er it be,
Still I can trust His love to give
What is best for me.

God's Touch

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good folk?" he cried,
"Who'll start the bidding for me?
"A dollar — a dollar — then two, only
two —
"Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
"Going for three" — but no —
From the room far back, a gray-haired
man
Came forward and picked up the bow,
Then, wiping the dust from the old
violin,
And tightening the loosened strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, "Now what am I bid for the old
violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars — and who'll make
it two?

"Two thousand — and who'll make it
three?
"Three thousand once — three thousand
twice —
"And going — and gone," cried he.
The people cheered, but some of them
cried,
"We do not understand.
"What changed its worth?" — Quick came
the reply,
"The touch of the Master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap, to a thoughtless
crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage" — a glass of wine,
A game — and he travels on:
He is going once — and going twice —
He's going — and almost gone!
But the Master comes, and the foolish
crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul, and the change that's
wrought
By *the touch of the Master's hand.*

WIT'S-END CORNER

Are you standing at Wit's-End Corner,
Christian with troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you,
And you in the battle alone?
Remember — at Wit's-End Corner
Is just where God's power is shown.

Are you standing at Wit's-End Corner
Blinded with wearying pain,
Feeling you cannot endure it,
You cannot bear the strain?
Bruised through the constant suffering,
Dizzy and dazed and dumb?
Remember — at Wit's-End Corner
Is where Jesus loves to come.

Are you standing at Wit's-End Corner
Your work before you spread,
All lying begun, unfinished,
And pressing on heart and head,
Longing for strength to do it,
Stretching out trembling hands?
Remember — at Wit's-End Corner
The Burden-bearer stands.

Are you standing at Wit's-End Corner?
Then you're just in the very spot
To learn the wondrous resources
Of Him who faileth not.
No doubt, to a brighter pathway
Your footsteps will soon be moved.
But only at Wit's-End Corner
Is the "God who is able" proved.

TELL JESUS

When thou wakest in the morning,
Ere thou tread the untried way
Of the lot that lies before thee,
Through the coming busy day,
Whether sunbeams promise brightness,
Whether dim forebodings fall,
Be thy dawning glad or gloomy,
Go to Jesus — tell Him all!

In the calm of sweet communion
Let thy daily work be done;
In the peace of soul outpouring,
Care be banished, patience won;
And if earth, with its enchantments,
Seek the spirit to enthrall,
Ere thou listen, ere thou answer,
Turn to Jesus — tell Him all!

Then, as hour by hour glides by thee,
Thou wilt blessed guidance know;
Thine own burdens being lightened,
Thou canst bear another's woe;
Thou canst help the weak ones onward
Thou canst raise up those that fall;
But remember, while thou servest,
Still tell Jesus — tell Him all!

And if weariness creep o'er thee
As the day wears to its close,
Or if sudden fierce temptation
Brings thee face to face with foes,
In thy weakness, in thy peril,
Raise to heaven a trustful call;
Strength and calm for every crisis
Come — in telling Jesus all!

God's Touch — God's Way

IT'S WONDERFUL

It's wonderful, so wonderful,
To be a child of God,
And walk the Christian path of life
O'er which the saints have trod;
To have God's grace down in our soul
That keeps us kind and sweet,
And helps us bless our loved ones dear
And those we chance to meet.

It's wonderful to love mankind —
No hatred in our heart —
With no desire to put men down
By word and fiery dart;
But reaching forth a hand to lift
We help the fallen rise,
And seek the Lord for saving grace
Who clears his mortal skies.

It's wonderful to sing and pray
While others fret and frown,
And feel God's peace within our heart
And heaven smiling down;
To know we have the victory
O'er sins that grip the world;
That we are soldiers for our Lord
Beneath His flag unfurled.

Walter E. Isenhour

ABIDING

I have learned the wondrous secret
Of abiding in the Lord;
I have found the strength and sweetness
Of confiding in His Word.
I have tasted life's pure fountain,
I am trusting in His blood;
I have lost myself in Jesus,
I am sinking into God.

I am crucified with Jesus,
And He lives and dwells with me;
I have ceased from all my struggling.
'Tis no longer I but He.
All my will is yielded to Him,
And His Spirit reigns within;
And His precious blood each moment,
Keeps me cleansed and free from sin.

For my words, I take His wisdom
For my works, His Spirit's power,
For my ways, His ceaseless Presence
Guides and guards me every hour.
Of my heart, He is the Portion,
Of my joy, the boundless Spring;
Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer,
Glorious Lord, and coming King!

A. B. Simpson

God's Way

GOD KNOWS THE ANSWER

I question not God's means or ways,
Or how He uses time or days,
To answer every call or prayer,
I know He will, somehow, somewhere.

I question not the time or place
When I shall feel His love and grace;

I only know that I believe,
And richest blessings shall receive.

I cannot doubt that He'll attend
My every call, and that He'll send
A ministering angel fair,
In answer to my faithful prayer.

F. B. Whitney

SOMETIMES

Sometimes the lions' mouths are shut;
Sometimes God bids us fight or fly;
Sometimes He feeds us by the brook;
Sometimes the flowing stream runs dry.

Sometimes the burning flames are
quenched
Sometimes with sevenfold heat they
glow;
Sometimes His hand divides the waves;
Sometimes His billows overflow.

Sometimes He turns the sword aside;
Sometimes He lets the sharp blade
smite;
Sometimes our foes are at our heels,
Sometimes He hides us from their sight.

We may not choose, nor would we dare,
The path in which our feet shall tread;
Enough that He that path hath made,
And He Himself shall walk ahead.

The danger that His love allows
Is safer than our fears may know;
The peril that His care permits
Is our defence where'er we go.

Annie Johnson Flint

DAY BY DAY

Day by day, oh Master, make me
With that blessed life of Thine,
Day by day, oh Lord, enfold me
With Thy mighty grace divine.
Day by day, oh Saviour, take me
For Thy servant, willing, free,
Day by day, oh Master, make me
All that Thou wouldest have me be.
Day by day, oh Saviour, keep me
Just abiding in Thy love,

Simply trusting and obeying,
Looking unto Thee above.
Day by day, oh Saviour, give me
All the strength I need so much,
And with Thee and Thy blest Spirit,
Ever keep me, Lord, in touch.
Day by day, to fight the battle,
Day by day, Thy will to do,
Day by day, the cross to carry,
Seeking only to be true.
Help me, Lord, to leave the future
Safe within Thy hands for aye,
Trusting Thee, Lord, to renew me,
Living simply day by day.

A. G. Fisher

HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.

Though night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break;
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, though dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

A. M. Overton

God's Way

MOURNING

I have sunk to the cold weary depths of
despair!

Death at last has struck one of my own.
And the grief that I've felt has been
heavy to bear;
I could never have borne it alone.

But my God in His grace—oh, what
marvelous grace!

Holds me close to His comforting
breast;
And I know that my loved one now
stands in that place
In His wonderful haven of rest.

And so now in some strange and mys-
terious way

God has taken the grief I have known
And reshaped it, as though it were soft
supple clay,

Into peace from His merciful throne.

Josephine Van Fossan

GOD KNOWS WHAT HE'S ABOUT

When God wants to drill a man,
And thrill a man, and skill a man;
When God wants to mold a man
To play the noblest part;
When He yearns with all His heart
To create so great and bold a man
That all the world shall be amazed,
Watch His methods, watch His ways
How He ruthlessly perfects
Whom He royally elects!

How He hammers him or hurts him
And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which
Only God can understand.

THY WILL BE DONE

Matthew 6:10

This is the safest prayer to pray:
“Thy will be done”;
Along the world's unlighted way
Where unseen dangers run.
So, though for all the saints we pray,
Or but for one,
Upon this rock our hearts may stay,
His will shall yet be done.

This is the surest way to pray:

“Thy will be done”;
Along the world's uncertain way
Where crowded terrors run.
For though our dearest plans may fail,
Our hopes die one by one,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away
His will shall yet be done.

Annie Johnson Flint

STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year
Nor even day by day,
But step by step my path unfolds;
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute;
But He will say, “This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it.”

And I am glad it is so,
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?
The God who gave His Son
Holds all my moments in His hand
And gives them, one by one.

Barbara C. Ryberg

HIS PLAN

Before He formed a star,
Our God arranged our lot;
Our little lives were planned afar,
When we as yet were not.

Time hath no aimless strands,
God's warp and woof combines;
Life's loom is in His holy hands,
His shuttles know their lines.

He purposed all He sends,
He knows what us awaits;

He marketh now the distant ends
Of paths to hidden gates.

All acts His eyes foresee
And never choice constrain;
So willeth He that we are free
His grace to lose or gain.

His love hath filled the past,
An ocean without shore;
Our purchased souls Him first and last
Love, trust, obey, adore.

Author Unknown

God's Will

GOD'S WILL IS BEST

God's will is better than our will,
It's always right and good.
I would not have my way at all,
Not even if I could.
God holds the future in His hands
And scans the unspent years;
He knows the trying hours ahead,
The pain and bitter tears.

Oh! just to leave it all with Him
And lean upon His breast.
To know, whatever comes or goes,
That His dear will is best.
Oh! just to let Him have His way,
With heart and life and soul,
Brings peace so sweet and joy divine,
And leads us safely Home.

We cannot understand, sometimes,
Why things do happen so,
Nor why the way is often rough
That we are called to go.

But in the meadow's sunlight
Or through the mountain's cleft,
Hold Him gently by the hand
And know His will is best.

Thelma Curtis

AFTER THE DARK

After the dark the dawn,
After the night the day,
After the storm of grief
A faith to put away

Into the heart where love,
Still a vibrant thing,
Draws the bow of hope
Across a viol's string

And waken once again
Peace to calm the strife,
And show that God is still
Holding the reins of life.

Enola Chamberlain

God's Will

GOD'S KEY

Is there some problem in your life to solve,
Some passage seeming full of mystery?
God knows, who brings the hidden thing to light.
He keeps the key.

Is there some door closed by the Father's Hand
Which widely opened you had hoped to see?
Trust God and wait — for when He shuts the door
He keeps the key.

Is there some earnest prayer unanswered yet,
Or answered not as you had thought 'twould be?
God will make clear His purpose by and by.
He keeps the key.

Have patience with your God, your patient God
All wise, all knowing, no long tarryer He.
And of the door of all thy future life.
He keeps the key.

Unfailing comfort, sweet and blessed rest,
To know of every door He keeps the key.
That He at last when just He sees 'tis best
Will give it thee.

THY WILL BE DONE

(Luke 22:42)

Why did He choose a garden fair,
When bowed in agony?
Would not a hillside, barren, cold,
Be more in harmony?

Ah no! The gracious Lord of love
Would have His children know
That in their darkest hours of pain,
The fragrant flowers grow —

That there, amid the sharpest thorns,
The rarest roses bloom,
And there the richness of His grace
Dispels the deepest gloom.

His anguished heart was torn with pain;
None else could suffer so,
Yet in our deepest agony
This much our hearts can know —

That in our anguish and our pain
The victory can be won
If we will say as He once said:
"Thy will, Thy will be done."

What though tomorrow has its cross?
Naught can His love e'er dim;
From out the depths of deepest woe
We gladly walk with Him.

Then to the garden let us go —
The garden of God's will,
Content to know, where'er He leads
That we can trust Him still.

Albert Simpson Reitz

THE BEST FOR US

God knew what lay before us
 In the days that have gone by;
 He knew each step that we would take;
 He saw with watchful eye.
 He knew the road was oft-times steep
 And the traveling rough and slow,
 But He planned the very best for us,
 Ah, many years ago!

He knew our hearts were often faint
 And our eyes with tears were dim;
 There wasn't anything at all
 That was not known to Him.
 He knew the longing of our hearts,
 Our doubts and hopes and fears,
 But, oh, He planned the best for us,
 We saw it through our tears!

And so, our hearts are full of thanks,
 They're full of love and praise,
 Because He's been our Guard and Guide
 Through all our yesterdays.
 And in the days that lie ahead,
 We're sure He'll be our stay,
 For He has planned the best for us
 And will lead us all the way!

Olive H. Burnett

HIS PLAN FOR ME

When I stand at the judgment seat of
 Christ
 And He shows me His plan for me,
 The plan of my life as it might have been
 Had He had His way, and I see.
 How I blocked Him here, and I checked
 Him there,
 And I would not yield my will,
 Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes,
 Grief, though He loves me still?
 He would have made me rich, and I stand
 there poor,
 Stripped of all but His grace,
 While memory runs like a hunted thing
 Down the paths I cannot retrace.
 Then my desolate heart will well-nigh
 break
 With the tears that I cannot shed;
 I shall cover my face with my empty
 hands,
 I shall bow my uncrowned head.
 Lord, of the years that are left me,
 I give them to Thy hand:
 Take me and break me, mould me to
 The pattern Thou hast planned.

Martha Snell Nicholson

God With Us

A GIFT OF GOD

That I should have a joyous life
 In this old world below,
 Amid the turmoil and the strife,
 Is a gift of God, I know.

He shows His love each day to me
 Through countless blessings here —

A happy home and family,
 And friends so kind and dear;

 A peace that deep within me lives,
 As through my daily tasks I go.
 The joy that only Jesus gives
 Makes life worth living here below!

God With Us

I SEE GOD

I see God in the bluebird's wing;
I hear His voice when robins sing;
I see His smile in the rainbow's glow;
I hear His steps on the crusted snow.

I see God's tears in the morning dew;
I see His face when day is new;
I see His love in pink rose bush,
His calmness in the evening hush.

I feel His power in lightning flash,
His anger in the thunder's crash,
His thoughtfulness in the gentle rain,
His loving care in the ripening grain.

With eyes that see He's everywhere,
With ears that hear He's always near—
Leading us out of our wilderness,
Guiding with strength and tenderness.

OUR CHRIST

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
Could in the Godhead be;
I only know the Manger Child
Has brought God's life to me.

I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world from sin could free;
I on'y know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.

I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve death's mystery,
I only know a living Christ,
Our immortality!

Harry Webb Farrington

THE SPARROW'S SONG

I'm only a little sparrow,
A bird of low degree;
My life is of little value,
But the dear Lord cares for me.
He gives me a coat of feathers—
It is very plain I know,
Without a speck of crimson,
For it was not made for show.
But it keeps me warm in winter,
And it shields me from the rain;
Were it bordered with gold and purple,
Perhaps it would make me vain.

BECAUSE HE WAS TEMPTED

He knows when shadows come my way
And penetrate my path.
He knows when I'm the recipient
Of someone's stinging wrath.

He knows when others do rejoice
When hopes are swept away.
He knows as does no other
When words do whip and flay.

He knows the heartache and the woe
Of false accusation too.
There's not a thing that can happen
But that He has been through.

He knows because He was tempted
In all points like as we.
We have such a loving High Priest
A refuge to whom we flee.

Holy Spirit

"TARRY YE"

"Tarry," said the Master, "till the power
God gives you is bestowed." They
waited there
Within the upper room in faith and
patience.

And Pentecost was answered to their
prayer.

Oh, give us grace to tarry in this hour,
To wait Thy summons, Lord, to hear
Thy Word.

Check our impetuous haste, remembering
always,
What is Thy will can never be deferred.

In quietness and confidence, strength-
giving,
We would realize Thy presence and
deny
Our tears in this Thy promise, "I will
teach thee
The way to go and guide thee with
mine eye."

HOLY SPIRIT, LEAD ME

Holy Spirit, lead me,
In God's will today,
With His manna feed me,
Lest I go astray.

Holy Spirit, guide me,
On His paths aright;
From all evil hide me,
Perfect in His sight.

Holy Spirit, guard me,
Both from foe and friend,
Keep me from temptation
To the very end.

Holy Spirit, teach me,
All I need to know,
That my life may please Him
Everywhere I go.

Home

FAMILY

The family is a little book,
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the cover that
Safe protection gives.

At first, the pages of the book
Are blank, and smooth, and fair;

But time soon writeth memories,
And painteth pictures there.

Love is the golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust;
O break it not, lest all the leaves
Shall scatter like the dust.

Home

THE FAMILY ALTAR

The family altar in our home
Holds such a beauty rare;
Among the treasures of this life
There's none that can compare.

'Tis just about the evening hour
When day has spent itself
That Dad takes down the Bible
From its place upon the shelf.

We read the Word together and
We bow at Jesus' feet;
How precious is that fellowship!
It makes our day complete!

And all the burdens we possess
Are swallowed up in prayer;
The sweetness of this time with God
Reveals His love and care.

A family altar in the home!
How blessed and how true
That if we put God first — He'll bless!
We hope you have one too!

Georgia B. Adams

A HOME PRAYER

Lord of all pots and pans and things,
Since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely deeds
Or watching late with Thee:
Or dreaming in the dawnlight
Or storming heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals
And washing up the plates!

Although I must have Martha's hands
I have a Mary mind,
And when I black the boots and shoes,
Thy sandals, Lord, I find!

I think of how they trod the earth,
What time I scrub the floor;
Accept this meditation, Lord!
I haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,
And light it with Thy peace!
Forgive me all my worrying
And make all grumbling cease!
Thou who didst love to give men food
In a room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do —
I do it unto Thee!

HOME

Our earthly homes are simple things
Of plaster and of board,
Sometimes as humble as the nest
Built by a wildwood bird.

And yet through all our lives our hearts
Cling to this childhood home
Of hallowed, precious memories,
No matter where we roam.

And so I often think about
How dear, how very dear,
Our heavenly home will come to be
With every passing year.

That home where we shall meet and dwell
With loved ones gone before,
And sometimes, looking up, shall see
Our Lord come through the door.

Sweet home, where all our fulfilled joys
Become rich memories,
And ever deeper pleasures crowd
The long eternities!

Martha Snell Nicholson

TRUE RICHES

What tho' thy home
 Be humble and small,
 Dwarfed by thy neighbor's,
 Costly and fine?
 All of the world
 And its fullness is Mine,
 And you are My child,
 Far richer than all!

Why do you look
 With yearning of heart
 On his luxuries, leisure,
 His comfort and ease?
 Thy rest of salvation
 Is better than these!
 He knows not the joy
 Only grace can impart!

Pity, instead,
 The dearth of his soul,
 Seeking vain pleasure,
 Striving for gain,
 Knowing no comfort
 Nor solace for pain,
 Caught in the web
 Of the devil's control.

He is rich in the goods,
 That the world can bestow,
 But poor in the things
 Eternal and true!
 Show him, My child,
 By the wealth I give you,
 There are riches far greater
 Than his he can know!

Bessie June Martin

HOME

I turned an ancient poet's book,
 And found upon the page,
 "Stone walls do not a prison make,
 Or iron bars a cage."

Yes, that is true, and something more
 You will find where'er you roam . . .
 That marble floors and gilded walls
 Can never make a home.
 But everywhere that love abides,
 And friendship is a guest,
 Is surely home, and home, sweet home,
 For there the soul can rest.

Henry van Dyke

THE SWEETEST HOME

The sweetest home is a little home,
 With a dear little mother in it;
 And if in your heart there's a little song
 For the mother you love, begin it;
 For this is her hour and this her day,
 Though she's living afar or near you;
 In a mansion fair or a shack out there,
 The mother you love will hear you!

The sweetest home is a quiet home,
 With a peace that a mother wills it;
 And you're still her child, though you're
 far away,
 For she holds to your heart and fills it
 With the memories of a time gone by
 When you whispered the prayers she
 taught you;
 And she can't forget, though her eyes be
 wet,
 How great was the price that bought
 you.

The sweetest home is a God-blest home
 That rests near a humble by-way,
 And always the fairest one within
 Is a mother who shuns the highway
 Where evil struts in a robe of red,
 Where devilish imps will call you.
 Go back to her knee, to her warm arms
 flee,
 And never shall ill befall you!

Hope

NEW EVERY MORNING

Every day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is the world made new;
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you —
A hope for me and a hope for you.

All the past things are past and over,
The tasks are done and the tears are
shed;
Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;
Yesterday's wounds, which smarted
and bled,
Are healed with the healing which
night has shed.

Yesterday is a part of forever,
Bound up in a sheaf which God holds
tight;
With glad days and sad days and bad
days which never
Shall visit us more with their bloom
and their blight,
Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful
night.

Let them go, since we cannot relieve
them;
Cannot undo, and cannot atone;
God in His mercy, receive, forgive them!
Only the new days are our own.
Today is ours, and today alone.

Here are the skies all burnished brightly,
Here is the spent earth all reborn;
Here are the tired limbs springing lightly

To face the sun, and to share with the
morn
In the prism of dew and the cool of
dawn.

A SONG OF LOW DEGREE

He that is down need fear no fall;
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave.
Because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

John Bunyan

WAIT ON !

To talk with God,
No breath is lost —
Talk on!

To walk with God,
No strength is lost —
Walk on!

To wait on God,
No time is lost —
Wait on!

Joy

SECRET OF SONG

Why do I sing in the morning,
When the skies are gloomy and gray;
Faithfully trusting my Master,
Though showers dampen my way?

Why am I humming at noontime,
Letting no discord come in,
Keeping my mind calm and quiet,
Banishing Satan and sin?

Why do I smile in the evening,
Making my world new and bright;
And ever pray in darkness,
Knowing dawn comes after night?

Here's why I'm singing and smiling,
While angels carol above:
Christ found my heart full of sorrow,
Cleansed it and filled it with love.

Christine White

GIVE MY HEART A SONG

Lord of comfort, hope, and love,
Give my heart a song;
A song of radiance and cheer
As I march along.
Help me to sing a joyful song
For those bowed down with care;
A song of hope and freedom
For those in dark despair.
Help me to sing a valiant song
For those who mope and sigh;
A song to stir the hearts of men
'Ere I shall pass them by!

Anna M. Gilleland

LIFE'S JOY

God gives us joy that we might give;
He gives us love that we may share;
Sometimes He gives us loads to lift
That we may learn to bear.
For life is gladder when we give,
And love is sweeter when we share,
And heavy loads rest lightly, too,
When we have learned to bear.

JUST TO BE GLAD

Just to be glad I am living,
Just to be glad is sweet;
Just to be glad for my loved ones,
And for friends whom we meet.

Just to be glad for the sunshine,
And for the thunderstorms too;
Glad for the calm of twilight
And for the morning's fresh dew.

Glad in life's bitter-sweet sorrows.
Glad for the comfort God sends.
Glad for the hope of reunion
Ours, when earth's happiness ends.

Just to be glad! What a blessing!
Joy divine floods our way,
Driving away every sorrow,
Brightening the loveliest day.

Father, the giver of gladness,
Hearts of thanksgiving we raise,
Asking for lives filled with sweetness,
Gratitude, gladness and praise.

Merlin G. Miller

HAPPINESS

It's not so much the things without,
 The things you may possess,
 As money, riches, houses, land,
 That make for happiness;
 Although the world may think so
 And seeks to thus attain,
 Or strives for other outward things —
 At last we find them in vain.

A mind that's filled with noble thoughts,
 A heart that's fixed on God;
 A will to do the honest things
 And walk where Jesus trod;
 A purpose great, an aim that's high,
 A soul that's clear of sin —
 This brings a happiness so sweet,
 And springs up from within!

Walter Isenhour

Kindness

LIFE IS SO SHORT

Let's smile and be kind — life is so short
 And most of the way so rough,
 The times are trying, the road upgrade,
 And always trouble enough.
 Yesterday's hurts we'll try to forego —
 And tomorrow's cares can wait,
 Today with diligence let us keep
 Our hearts from the strain of hate.

Life is too short for spite and revenge,
 And paying back wrong for wrong;
 Try patience and love and forgiveness,
 Meet slights with a smile and a song.
 The sad world with all its repining,
 Its bitterness, care and tears,
 Needs the wealth of your loving kindness
 To sweeten the sin-soiled years.

Yes, life is too short to be hateful,
 Or scorning any you meet,
 Then strive to be pleasant and gentle,
 Always to smile and be sweet;
 For the sunshine of love is needed
 To warm the world with its light,
 And to shed abroad its effulgence
 To bless humanity's night.

Margaret S. Hall

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In speaking of a person's faults,
 Pray don't forget your own;
 Remember those with homes of glass
 Should seldom throw a stone.
 If we have nothing else to do
 But talk of those who sin,
 'Tis better we commence at home,
 And from that point begin.
 We have no right to judge a man
 Until he's fairly tried;
 Should we not like his company,
 We know the world is wide.
 Some may have faults—and who has not?
 The old as well as young;
 Perhaps we may, for aught we know
 Have fifty to their one.
 Then let us all, when we begin
 To slander friend or foe,
 Think of the harm one word may do
 To those we little know.
 Remember curses sometimes like
 Our chickens "roost at home";
 Don't speak of others' faults until
 We have none of our own.

Joseph Kronthal

THE BEST MEMORY COURSE

Forget each kindness that you do as soon
as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you the
moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear before
you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spit, each sneer,
whenever you may meet it.
Remember every kindness done to you
whate'er its measure:
Remember praise by others won and pass
it on with pleasure:
Remember every promise made and keep
it to the letter:
Remember those who lend you aid and
be a grateful debtor.
Remember all the happiness that comes
your way in living:
Remember each worry and distress, be
hopeful and forgiving:
Remember good, remember truth, remem-
ber heaven's above you,
And you will find, through age and youth,
That many hearts will love you.

THE DIFFERENCE

Drop an unkind word or careless —
Just a flash and it is gone,
But a half a hundred ripples
Go a-circling on and on;
They keep spreading, spreading,
spreading
From the center as they go,
And there is no way to stop them,
Once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word or careless —
In a minute you forget,
But it started waves to flowing
And its ripples circle yet:

And perhaps in some sad pilgrim
A great wave of tears you've stirred,
And disturbed a life that's happy
When you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness —
Just a flash and it is gone,
But a half a hundred ripples
Go a-circling on and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort
On each splashing, dashing wave,
Till you can't conceive the volume
Of the kind word that you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness —
In a minute you forget,
But the gladness that it started
Swells and circles even yet;
And you've rolled a wave of comfort,
Whose sweet music can be heard
Over miles and miles of water,
Just by dropping a kind word.

The Gideon

KINDNESS DURING LIFE

I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.
I would rather have a pleasant word
In kindness said to me,
Than flattery when my heart is still
And life has ceased to be.
I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true,
Than tears shed 'round my casket
When this world I've bid adieu.
Bring me all your flowers today
Whether pink, or white, or red,
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than a truck load when I'm dead.

Kindness

ONLY A SMILE

Only a smile that was given me
On the crowded street one day,
But pierced the gloom of my saddened
heart
Like a sudden sunbeam's ray.
The shadow of doubt hung o'er me,
And the burden of pain I bore,
And the voice of hope I could not hear,
Though I listened o'er and o'er.

But there came a rift in the crowd about
And a face I knew passed by,
And the smile I caught was brighter to
me
Than the blue of a summer sky;
For it gave me back the sunshine,
And it scattered each somber thought,
And my heart rejoiced in the kindly
warmth
Which that kindly smile had wrought.

Only a smile from a kindly face
On the busy street that day!
Forgotten as soon as given perhaps,
As the donor went her way,
But straight to my heart it went speeding,
To gild the clouds that were there:
And I found that of sunshine and life's
blue skies,
I also might take my share.

LITTLE THINGS

It was only a kindly smile he gave
As he passed along the way
But it lifted a load from a weary heart
And brightened a dreary day.

It was only a cheery word he spoke
But it made his brother strong
And gave him courage anew to tread
The road he must walk along.

It was only a helping hand he gave
To a struggler on life's road
Who was struggling on through the weary
way
So tired beneath life's load.
Such little things in the world's cold eye,
But the Master he served could see
The love in his heart, and He whispered
low,
"Ye have done it unto Me."

SLOW ME DOWN

Slow me down, Lord. I am going too fast;
I can't see my brother when he's walking
past.
I miss a lot of good things day by day;
I don't know a blessing when it comes
my way.

Slow me down, Lord. I want to see
More of the things that are good for me.
A little less of me and a little more of
You,
I want the heavenly atmosphere to trickle
through.

Let me help a brother when the going is
rough;
When folks work together life isn't so
tough.
Slow me down, Lord, so I can talk
With some of Your angels as they walk.

KINDNESS

Be swift, dear heart, in saying
The kindly word;
When ears are sealed thy passionate
pleading
Will not be heard.

Be swift, dear heart, in doing
The gracious deed;
Lest soon, they whom thou holdest
dearest
Be past thy need.

DO SOMETHING

Do something for somebody somewhere
While jogging along life's road;
Help someone to carry his burden,
And lighter will grow your load!

Do something for somebody gladly,
'Twill sweeten your every care;
In sharing the sorrows of others,
Your own are less hard to bear.

Do something for somebody, striving
To help where the way seems long.
And the sorrowful hearts that languish
Cheer up with a little song.

Do something for somebody always,
Whatever may be your creed,
There's nothing on earth can help you
So much as a kindly deed!

Men

IF YOU'RE THE MAN YOU OUGHT TO BE

If you're the man you ought to be
You "carry fair" with ev'ry man,
You take no undermining scheme
And lay no cunning, selfish plan
By which to gain some cash or wealth,
Or reach a place that's figured high;
You'd rather have a conscience clear
Than all that wrong could give or buy.

If you're the man you ought to be
You're clean in spirit, heart and mind;
You're noble in your heart and great,
And great because you're meek and
kind.
You're not a lying hypocrite,
A glitter in your outer shine;
A "cover up," a "make believe,"
A false director by your sign.

If you're the man you ought to be
You do not curse, nor drink, nor lie;
You have a higher aim and plan
Than to exist and just get by.
You want God's blessings on your life,
And then you want to bless mankind;
You live to fill your place on earth
Where Providence to you assigned.

If you're the man you ought to be
You treat your family as you should;
You're kind at home and love your folks,
And love and bless your neighborhood.
You're honest as you deal with men,
And honest with the God you serve;
You love His church and righteous cause
And give with no unjust reserve.

Walter E. Isenhour

MEASURE OF SUCCESS

When sunset falls upon your day
And fades from out the west,
When business cares are put away
And you lie down to rest,
The measure of the day's success
Or failure may be told
In terms of human happiness
And not in terms of gold.

Is there beside some hearth tonight
More joy because you wrought?
Does someone face the bitter fight
With courage you have taught?
Is something added to the store
Of human happiness?
If so, the day that now is o'er
Has been a real success.

Men

SOME THINGS YOU CANNOT WILL TO MEN

You cannot will to men your health,
Your knowledge and your learning
Which some might value more than
wealth
For which they may be yearning;
For there are treasures we possess
That we can't will to others,
Although 'twould be so great to bless
With these our friends and brothers.

You cannot will to men your face,
Your character that's shining;
You cannot will to them your grace
That's taken much refining;
Nor can you give to them your peace
You've found in God's salvation,
Along with blessings that increase
That help your land and nation.

There's that which men must earn them-
selves
Through years of work and study,
Which can't be handed down from
shelves,
Nor granted by a buddy;
Therefore the earning must be yours,
Or the gift must be divine;
Then seek the place where heaven pours
Her wealth on humankind.

Walter E. Isenhour

MEASURING A MAN

The man's no bigger than the way he
treats his fellow man.
This standard has his measure been since
time itself began!
He's measured not by race or creed, high
sounding though they be;
Nor by the gold that's put aside, nor by
his sanctity!

He's measured not by social rank when
character's the test;
Nor by his earthly pomp or show, dis-
playing wealth possessed.
He's measured by his justice, right, his
fairness at his play;
His squareness in all dealings made, his
honest upright way.
These are his measures, ever near, to
serve him when they can;
For man's no bigger than the way he
treats his fellow man.

MEASURE OF A MAN

Not, how did he die?
But, how did he live?
Not, what did he gain?
But, what did he give?

These are the merits
To measure the worth
Of a man as a man
Regardless of birth.

Not, what was his station?
But, had he a heart?
And how did he play
His God-given part?

Was he ever ready
With a word of good cheer
To bring a smile,
To banish a tear?

Not, what was his church?
Nor, what was his creed?
But had he befriended
Those really in need?

Not, what did the sketch
In the newspaper say?
But, how many were sorry
When he passed away?

GIVE US SOBER MEN

Give us sober men for leaders —
 Men who never take a drink;
 Men who love our God and country,
 And whose minds are clear to think;
 Men who strive to do their duty
 In the places that they fill;
 Men who can't be bought with money,
 Nor with evils that would thrill.

Give us sober men in business

Whom, as patrons, we can trust;
 Men whose characters are spotless
 And whose plans are fair and just;
 Men who live the truth and tell it —
 Free from pretense and disguise;
 Men whose aim and work and purpose
 Is to help their fellows rise.

Give us sober men in business —

Men who love our country's laws;
 Men who stand for righteous freedom
 And for ev'ry noble cause;
 Men with hearts both kind and tender
 Toward their fellows that are down;
 Men who wouldn't sell their nation
 For a throne and robe and crown.

Give us sober men as fathers,

Sober teachers for our schools;
 Men with sound, exalted standards,
 Far removed from those of fools;
 Men who love the Holy Bible
 And obey it, day by day;

Give us men to lead us upward —
 Men who watch and fast and pray.

Walter E. Isenhour

FOR EVERY MAN

There is a niche provided
 For every man;
 Each makes his contribution
 In God's great plan;
 Let no one feel superfluous
 In that vast scheme,
 However small and hidden
 His life may seem.
 Some must go forth to battle;
 Some mind the camp;
 Some cross the mighty billows;
 Some tend the lamp,
 And keep their lonely vigil
 Till break of day,
 To guide some storm-tossed vessel
 Upon its way.
 Some serve their generation;
 Some, those unborn;
 Some lose their lives in secret
 Like buried corn;
 Some sow their fields with weeping;
 Some reap the grain
 And fill their barns with plenty
 From others' pain.
 Dear Master, Thine appointments
 To me are sweet,
 If I'm but for Thy service
 A vessel meet;
 In labors more abundant,
 Or out of sight,
 Thine openings and shuttings
 Are always right.

Max I. Reich

Mother

A KITCHEN PRAYER

God bless my little kitchen,
I love its every nook
And God bless me as I do my work,
Wash pots and pans and cook.

And may the meals that I prepare
Be successful from above
With Thy blessing and Thy grace
But most of all Thy love.

As we partake of earthly good
The table before us spread
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord,
Who gives us daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, Lord,
And those who enter in
May they find naught but joy and peace
And happiness therein.

M. Petersen

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think oft times as night draws nigh
Of the old farmhouse on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

Tis many and many a year since then,
And the house on the hill
No longer echoes to children's feet
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, the shadows creep,
And though many years have been
Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say good-by to the world out-side

All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that other land
Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
"Are all the children in?"

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

A mother needs Thee, Lord,
So often through the day
For tiny, mischief-making hands,
For little feet that play.

A mother needs Thee, Lord,
Especially at night,
To fill the darkened corners with
Thy steady, quenchless light.

As once in Galilee,
So by the sick one's bed,
Bless every anxious mother's heart
As well as each small head.

Who taught my heart to seek,
My stubborn knee to bow,
Trusted to me these little ones;
I need Thee greatly — now.

Jeanette Saxton Coon

TO WHOM SHALL THEY GO?

O African mother, so full of fear,
To whom do you turn when the dark
valley is near?
To whom do you pour out your troubles
and cares?
You've no Saviour to cling to, no one
who shares.
Your pain and your woe! Oh! to whom
do you go?

O mother of India, so poor and so frail,
You turn to your idols to no avail.
You've no one to comfort you or no one
to bear
Your burdens and heartaches that I know
are there.
You've no loving Father on whom you
can cast
Every trial and problem and find rest
at last.

O mother of China, with sad aching heart,
To whom do you go to help take your
part?
You've no doctor or nurse to whom you
can phone.
You must bear the burdens of life all
alone.
O turn to my Saviour for freedom from
fear.
No matter what your problem, He will
always be near.

O heavenly Father, look down from
above.
Have pity on poor mothers, please show
them Thy love.
Show them Thy Son who died for their
sin.
Show them the new life they can have
within.

How they need Thee, as all of us do.
O, help many of them to come unto You.

AT MY MOTHER'S KNEE

I have worshipped in churches and
chapels,
I have prayed in the busy street;
I have sought my God and found Him
Where the waves of the ocean beat;
I have knelt in the silent forest,
In the shade of some ancient tree,
But the dearest of all my altars
Was raised at my *mother's knee*.

I have listened to God in His temple
I have caught His voice in the crowd;
I have heard Him speak when the
breakers
Were booming long and loud;
When the winds play soft in the treetops,
My Father has talked to me;
But I never have heard Him clearer
Than I did at my *mother's knee*.

The things in my life that are worthy
Were born in my *mother's breast*;
And breathed into mine by the magic
Of the love her life expressed.
The years that have brought me to man-
hood
Have taken her far from me;
But memory keeps me from straying
Too far from my *mother's knee*.

God, make me the man of her vision,
And purge me of all selfishness!
God, keep me true to her standards,
And help me to live to bless!
God, hallow the holy impress
Of the day that used to be,
And keep me a pilgrim forever
To the shrine at my *mother's knee*.

MOTHER

She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.

And though we mocked tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more
safe
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us,
She never could forget!
And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.

Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we were late—
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning o'er heaven's gate.

Margaret Widdemer

GOD'S IDEAL MOTHER

The mother who owns Christ as Lord
And Saviour in her life;
The mother who has peace with God,
Who has no inner strife;
The mother who knows how to trust
The Father for all things;
The mother who is right and just,
As punishment she brings.

The mother who knows how to pray
For every daily need;
The mother who can point the way,
Where God would have her lead;
The mother who knows how to guide
A precious child to God;
The mother who walks by His side,
Who walks the way He trod.

The mother who knows how to teach
Her child the Holy Word;
The mother who knows how to reach
A child who has not heard;
The mother who knows how to show
A loving, tender face;
The mother who can help him grow
In wisdom and in grace.

The mother who can make a home,
In any place on earth;
The mother, who, though children roam,
Has love that knows no dearth;
The mother who is all of this,
To whom her God is real;
The mother who is not remiss,
She is her God's ideal.

Cora M. Pinkham

MY MOTHER

They say the most of mothers
Are something pretty fine,
But nobody else's mother
Can be so dear as mine.

She never fails or falters
When things go hard or wrong;
No matter what my troubles,
She'll help me right along.

Her thought for me is endless —
A million times a day
She gives me love and comfort,
For which I cannot pay.

I can't begin to tell her
My love in just a line,
But no one else's mother
Is quite so dear as mine.

MY MOTHER'S LOVE

Her love is like an island
In life's ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide,

'Tis bound on the North by hope,
By patience on the West,

By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by rest.

Above it like a beacon light
Shine faith, and truth and prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

New Year

THE GATES OF THE YEAR

The shadow gates are swinging
That hide the dawning year;
The sound of muffled ringing
Is swiftly growing clear;
The far-off music, falling
Like flutes soft and low,
Becomes a trumpet, calling,
And I must rise and go.

Lord, let my feet be surer
To walk the way unknown,
My heart a Kingdom purer,
With love upon its throne;
And let me have a vision
Of truth, and life, and need,
And hands of quick decision
For every noble deed.

And thus with humble gladness
I greet the dawning year,
With hope that conquers sadness,
And love that casts out fear;
With courage for my roaming
In mingled peace and strife,
Till some day, in the gloaming,
I find the gates of life.

John Mervin Hull

THE NEW YEAR

God gives to you another year,
A year of hours and days;
And as you face its unseen tasks
And face its unknown ways,
Lo! every hour some treasure holds,
And every day new joy unfolds.

A fragment of eternity
In which to gain and give;
So many days and weeks and months
To love and laugh and live.
What shall those minted moments buy?
How will you spend them as they fly?

They come all wrapped in silver morns,
That shade to golden noons,
Tied round with strings of jeweled stars,
Or sealed with mellow moons;
If one bring cloudy skies and rain,
A rainbow follows on its train.

So all that comes of seeming ill,
And all that you deem good
Are but God's precious thoughts of love
When rightly understood.
Another year all fresh and new
This is His loving gift to you.

New Year

THE NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip;
The lesson was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear
Teacher?
I have spoiled this one!"
I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with trembling heart;
The year was done.
"Have you a new year for me, dear
Master?
I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then into my tired heart He smiled:
"Do better now, my child!"

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year has now been born,
The Old has died, the New is here,
We turn away from all the past,
And face the future without fear.

Another year — Oh may it be
A year unsullied, Lord, by sin?
The past we cannot alter now,
But we the future still can win.

Another year to work and pray,
To lead lost souls, dear Lord, to Thee;
Forgive us for our past mistakes,
And make us all we long to be.

Another year to send the Light
To those who have not heard Thy
Name;
A year to welcome gain or loss,
And humbly all Thy blessings claim.

Oswald J. Smith

RESOLUTIONS? — NEW AND OLD

People all over at this time of year
Are thinking back o'er the past
Regretting the failure of months gone by,
Resolutions that did not last.
Intentions were good, resolutions fine,
Every one well meant, indeed;
But most of the people who started out,
All failed, they did not succeed.

We know that all are sick of the past,
Desiring to be free
From the bondage of habits holding
them —
No victory can they see.
The same has been true year in and out,
And repeated o'er and o'er;
'Till many have given up long ago,
Refusing to try once more.

They know not the way laid down in
God's Word,
Wherein He says repent;
Begin wherein He says and do the first
works,
No longer His Word resent.
You've tried and you've failed, again and
again,
No power do you possess;
So, friend, it is time that you cease your
way,
Get down on your knees — confess.

When He has control of that life of yours,
The failures of years gone by,
Will seem as nothing when Jesus takes
o'er,
And you have power from on high,
Oh yes, this New Year to you will be joy,
All things to you will be new;
If only to Jesus you'll yield your all,
He'll give His best unto you.

Harvey E. Rolfe

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime?
Pleasure and mirth?
Flowers on the pathway?
Skies ever clear?
Would this ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear;
These shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at His feet,
Smile of His countenance
Radiant and sweet,
Joy in His presence!
Christ ever near!
This will ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

Frances Ridley Havergal

IF BUT ONE YEAR

If I had but one year to live;
One year to help; one year to give;
One year to love; one year to bless;

One year of better things to stress;
One year to sing; one year to smile;
To brighten earth a little while;
One year to sing my Master's praise;
One year to fill with work my days;
When I should stand before my Lord,
One year to strive for a reward
I think that I would spend each day,
In just the very self-same way
The call may come to cross the bar
Or raptured be to meet my Lord
At any time, and I must be
Prepared to meet eternity.
So if I have a year to live,
Or just one day in which to give
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,
A mind that tries to understand
A fellow-creature when in need,
'Tis one with me — I take to heed;
But try to live each day He sends
To serve my gracious Master's ends.

MY NEW YEAR PRAYER

I hear the voice of the bells
Announcing to the earth
Another year of frost and flower,
Of promise, hope and birth.

Lord, teach me in the days to come,
To do some worthy deed,
Guide some poor soul toward the light,
Help some faint heart to succeed.

Let me not strive for self alone,
But lend a hand to aid
The stranger on the upward path
Who falters on the grade;

Strengthen my spirit that the weak
At need may lean on me,
And make me, Lord, the instrument
To lead their hearts to thee.

New Year

FORGET

Forget the old year's sorrows, forget its lonely days,
Forget its toils and hardships, its dark and weary ways;
Brood not o'er blighted prospects, o'er hours with sadness rife—
Look forward to the new year, its hope, its cheer, its life.

A gracious boon this new year, unsoiled by sin or care;
No gem of earth so precious, no spring time morn more fair:
Its worth can ne'er be measured, its charms can ne'er be told;
But free, how free this new year, alike to young and old.

How shall I spend this new year? The answer's quickly given;
"Make each succeeding moment a steppingstone toward heaven;
Reach out thy hand in blessing to suff'ring ones below;
Twill keep thy cruse from failing, and cause thy heart to glow.

"Send portions to the needy, go share another's grief,
Point upward to the Master, who offers sweet relief;
Sound out the gospel message, win lost ones to the fold—
Thus spent, the joys of new year on earth can ne'er be told."

A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

Health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs;
Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them;

Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them;
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished;
Charity that shall see some good in your neighbor;
Cheerfulness that shall make others glad;
Love that shall move you to be useful and helpful;
Faith that shall make real the things of God;
And hope that shall remove all anxious fears concerning the future.
It is not doing the things we like to do, but liking the things we have to do
That makes life blessed.

Phillips Brooks

RESOLVED

Resolved this year to better be,
And hoping that I can
Check up each day, and find that I
Have been a better man.

Resolved to cast away the frown
That never was worth while
And in its place, light up my face,
By putting on a smile.

Resolved to show more kindness
And regard mankind as brothers
Turn selfishness to helpfulness,
And try to live for others.

And now I pray Thy help, Dear Lord,
With it, I know I can
Be able every day to live
And be a better man.

Ottis Shirk

A PARABLE

Unknown to all except a few,
Between the Old Year and the New,
There is a little span of time,
No longer than the midnight's chime,
When two men meet, so I am told,
And one is young and the one is old.

The old man tells what he has thought;
The young man tells what he has brought.
If I could hear the words they say,
There soon would dawn a better day.
But I ring bells to greet the year,
And I blow horns — and I can't hear.

George L. Kress

I BURIED THE YEAR

I buried the year with its fellows,
The year I had loved so well;
I buried it deep,
Where the other years sleep;
I laid it to rest where it fell.

I buried the year with its sorrows;
'Tis well to forget the ill;
I buried its tears,
Its sins and its fears,
Its follies, its wrong, its ill will.

I buried the year, and above it
Erected a cross, to recall
The Saviour who died,
And the sin-cleansing tide,
Atoning and covering all.

I buried the year, but, on turning,
I found a new offspring of time
Was born at my feet,
And, with innocence sweet,
Was ready my old knees to climb.

I took the new year with rejoicing,
And ask for the grace and the love
To train it aright
For the kingdom of light,
The home in the heavens above.

W. Luff

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!

F. R. Havergal

Others

COULD WE

Could we only see the goodness
Of the ones we meet each day,
We'd not stop to criticize them
As we pass along life's way.
We'd tell others of their merits,
Rather than of faults we see;
Could we only see the goodness
Much more pleasant it would be.
Could we only see the burden
Carried by our fellowman,
We would be less prone to taunt him
As this earthly sphere we span.
We would seek to aid our brother,
Could we see the load he bears;
Critics would be few and scattered
If we knew each other's cares:
Could we lift the misty curtain
Veiling those we chance to meet,
We would be more kind and gentle
To the travelers on life's street.
We would pluck the thorns that hurt
them
On the great highway of life,
Make it easier for the traveler,
In this world where sin is rife.
Could we look into the future,
See those lost eternally;
We'd bestir our souls from slumber,
Cry to God incessantly.
We'd not loiter on the highway
As we plod life's dusty road;
But we'd hasten to the rescue
Of those souls near death's abode.

OTHERS

Let me remember on this day
That all I do or think or say
Will in some wondrous, magic way
Bring help or harm to others.

May my deeds be those of friendly cheer
Which bring a smile or dry a tear,
Give comfort and dispel a fear
Within the hearts of others.

In every thought may I pursue
A path both cleanly straight and true,
And find some star within the blue,
To which I may lead others.

FORBEARANCE

Instead of being sad and hurt
By those who are unkind,
How better far it is to choose
The opposite, and find
The way to peace and happiness
Is graciously to do
To others as the Master taught
You'd have them do to you.

True courtesy and gentleness
Reveal an inward grace
That gives a glowing radiance,
Transforms the plainest face.
Be calm, dear heart, and when oppressed
Bless those who do you wrong,
And in forbearance love will prove
There is no force so strong.

Della Adams Leitner

IF ONLY WE UNDERSTOOD

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better
Purer than we judged we should,
We should love each other better,
If we only understood.
If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain —

Would the grim, eternal roughness
Seem — I wonder — just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?
Ah, we judge each other harshly,
Know not life's hidden force:
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source:
Seeing amid the evil
All the golden grain of good:
And we'd love each other better.
If we only understood.

ON WITH THE MESSAGE

On with the Message! On with the Light!
On to the regions still shrouded in night,
On to the nations which never have
heard;
On with the life-giving soul-saving
Word.

On with the Message! Message of Pow'r.
Message to meet ev'ry need of the hour.
On with the Message o'er land and o'er
sea;
On with the Truth that can set sinners
free.

On with the Message! Carry it on.

Millions in darkness still pray for the
dawn.

Millions for whom Christ's own blood
did atone
Die in their darkness, unreached and
alone.

On with the Message! Haste thee away;
Soon cometh night, haste thee on while
'tis day

On with the Message, by love's passion
stirred

On, till each creature of Jesus has heard.

On with the Message! Strive more and
more,

Soon will the days for proclaiming be
o'er.

On to all lengths, to where none have
yet gone —

On with the Message! On, on, and on!

Wesley Duewel

A LITTLE WORD

You'd be surprised, I'm sure, to know
How far a little word can go.
How many miles it runs away,
Up hill and down, in a single day;
How many angry hearts it wakes,
How many pleasant friends it makes;
What very wise things it can tell,
What very simple ones, as well;
How very busy, brave, and true,
How very false and lazy, too.
So take good care before that word
By anybody else is heard,
That it shall truly worthy be
To join a happy company
Of helpful words, that march with grace
And bear sweet sunshine in the face.

Others

A HELPING HAND

If your brother has a burden
Why not lend a helping hand?
Maybe you're the one God's chosen --
Share his load and help him stand.

Have you ever had a problem?
Felt a handclasp warm and true?
Did you feel the power of prayer
From someone who cared for you?

Then I'm sure you will be ready
With a kindly deed or two
When you see a needy brother
For there's much that you can do.

You will never know the blessing
That your acts of kindness brought,
Nor the faith you helped to strengthen
When his aid through prayer you
sought.

So when God calls each one of us
To show Christlike love again,
Let's work with willing hands and be
Like the Good Samaritan.

God tells us in His Word that we
Should comfort one another,
And if we really care enough
We'll stop to help our brother.

Georgia B. Adams

PASS IT ON!

When the Saviour has given you a blessing, by paper or a book,
Do not leave it idly lying, in some soon forgotten nook.
There are others to be watered, and hungry souls to feed,
So seek to spread the blessing, that has

reached you in your need.
With its freshness yet upon you, 'ere the first glad glow has gone;
Let your heart look up for guidance, that your hand may pass it on.
And the one from you receiving, blessing gaining, just like you,
Can keep the blessing flowing, and pass it on anew
And when the day declares it, and you hear the words, "Well done,"
How sweet to know the Saviour was pleased -- to see you *pass it on!*

FIRST TO THROW A STONE

If there's one who often falters
By the wayside in despair,
Seems unusual his shortcomings,
Do you hold him up in *prayer*?
If the weak should stumble, brethren,
If he cannot stand alone,
Let the *perfect* one among you
Be the first to throw a stone.

If so often he has wavered,
You cannot believe him true,
Have you mentioned it to Jesus
As the strong one ought to do?
Do you ever stop, consider?
Have you no faults of your own?
Let the *perfect* one among you
Be the first to throw a stone.

Is there one with crosses heavy,
Seems he cannot carry all?
And he won't keep step as we do
If he ever chance to fall,
Do you plead with God for mercy
Till He answers from the throne?
Let the *perfect* one among you
Be the first to throw a stone.

THE OTHER PERSON'S PLACE

Have you ever tried to get along
With someone whom you felt was wrong
In attitude and thought and speech;
Whose fellowship you could not reach?

Have you ever been misunderstood
Believing that your aims were good
By one who simply would not see
Your views, or with your words agree?

And has it also seemed that you,
If in his place, would try to do
In word and thought and deed the thing
That to yourself would comfort bring?

Then, having changed the parts around
And looking further, have you found
In accents of great clarity
A striking similarity?

How simple, then, the fault became
To understand, instead of blame;
What kindness, sympathy and grace
Lie in the other person's place!

Donald H. Hover

THE GOLDEN RULE

In your daily round of duties,
As you make your way through life;
As you gaze upon its beauties,
And you look upon its strife,
There's a rule of conduct given,
Which I will commend to you:
Always do unto another
What you'd have him do to you.

If, perchance, along life's highways,
You should meet a man that's down,
Or you meet him on the byways,
Where he meets with many a frown,

Won't you try to help him, brother,
'Ere he passes from your view?
Won't you do unto another
What you'd have him do to you?

Once upon a time the Saviour
Came into this world of sin,
Came into this world to suffer,
Precious souls that He might win.
And He gave to us a precept
Did this Saviour, kind and true:
Always do unto another
What you'd have him do to you.

James Wells

A CREED

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
To those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother who is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

Let me be a little sweeter,
Make my life a bit completer,
By doing what I should do
Every minute of the day;
Let me toil without complaining,
Not a humble task disdaining;
Let me face the summons calmly
When Death beckons me away.

Others

GOD PITY HIM

God pity him who lives for self —
That one who does not share
The griefs and joys of other men,
That one who does not care.

God pity him who does not give
To others when in need;
God pity him who works and plans
For only selfish greed.

God pity him when sorrow comes
And no kind friend is there,
No one to grasp his trembling hand
And whisper low, "I care!"

God pity him when death shall come
And few stand by his bier;
So little missed by those he left,
They scarcely shed a tear!

God pity him who lives for self,
When the Master he shall see,
And Jesus says, "As you've done to them,
You've done it unto me."

THE DOWN-PULLERS

I never like the fellow's plan
Who seeks to pull another down,
And laughs when he has caught his man
And maybe takes away his crown;
Or would remove it if he could
Although the fellow may be right;
Or if he's wrong, it's never good
To hurt one with a greater blight.

The better plan for all, we know,
Is lift the fallen to his feet;
Or if one's up, don't scheme to throw
Across his path for him to meet
A stumbling stone, a rope or chain

You think may cause a mighty fall;
For by such plans you'll never gain
The height of one who should be tall.

Walter E. Isenhour

"WHERE LOVE, THERE'S HEAVEN"

Where love, there's heaven and the home
So blest, there none will wish to roam;
Where Christian kindness and mirth
Prevail, there's joy and peace on earth.

When loving hearts forgive the pain
And hurt of little things, they gain
In peace and wisdom through the years;
Where love, there's joy amidst the tears.

No worldly gossip, vice or strife
Can ever build the better life
And he who hates must learn to love
And look within and look above.

Where love, there's heaven and the home
So blest, there none will wish to roam.

Mary Jacobs

LITTLE THINGS

God has no end of material
For poets, priests and kings;
But what He needs is volunteers
To do the *little* things.
There are many men who're ready
To lead in battle and in strife;
But very few are willing to do
The *little* things of life.
The widow's mite was a little thing
From a money point of view;
But He who reads our inmost hearts,
Sees more than mortals do.
Great deeds receive rewards below,
And earth's applause is given;
But *little* things are seen by God
From His watchtower in heaven.

Pastor

LET YOUR PASTOR KNOW

Mrs. Huff is up a miff tree
On a seat fixed good and firm,
And she'd like to tell the pastor
A few things to make him squirm.

Mrs. Huff was sick abed, sir,
Yes, sir, sick abed a week;
And the pastor didn't call, sir,
Not even took a peek.

Wasn't that enough, enough, sir
To provoke a saint to wrath?
And to make a Christian pilgrim
Wander from the churchly path?

When I asked her if the doctor
Called to see her, she said, "Sure"
And she looked as if she thought I
Needed some good strong mind cure.

Then I asked her how the doctor knew
That sickness laid her low,
And she said that she had called him
On the phone and told him so.

So the doctor called to see her,
But the pastor didn't go,
For the doctor knew that she was ill
And the pastor didn't know.

Now the doctor gets his bill paid
With a nicely written check,
But the pastor — for not knowing,
Simply "gets it in the neck."

SOFT JOB

The preacher works from morn till night
On one thing or the other.
He must be skilled at every trade
Or he just don't have it, brother.

He heals the sick, makes strong the weak;
He's carpenter and plumber.
When called to settle family rows,
He's wise and just acts dumber.

He's financier, he's architect,
Electrician, painter, teacher.
Of all these he must do well,
If he succeeds as "preacher."

His social habits must be good.
His job he never shirks.
In cold or heat, in rain or shine,
He's smiling as he works.

He goes from early morn till night,
In fact he's never done.
He often sees the rise and fall
Of both the moon and sun.

Whatever else has been left out,
He often does that too;
For thoughtless people never seem
To know when he is through.

He teaches, preaches, prays and talks,
And tries his best to win,
To Jesus Christ our Lord, and God,
The hearts and souls of men.

William C. Summers

THE PASTOR'S FRIEND

"The Church is dead," said brother Brown;
"It's true," said Gossip. "It's sure going down."
"I'm gonna quit," brother Gad-about 'lowed,
"And go where there is a much bigger crowd."
Sister Selfish, too, was sure she could see —
"Not a soul in church 'preciates me."
Said brother Grumble, "I don't see why
The Sunday school's dead and the meeting's dry."
But good brother Faithful sat in his place;
The sunshine of heaven abeamin' on his face;
The good saint worshiped in prayer and song;
And to him — *there wasn't a single thing wrong!*

Whenever groups are called to meet,
Her presence must be there;
And yet the members all agree
She should live a life of prayer.

Though hearing people's burdens,
Their griefs both night and day,
She ought to spread but sunshine
To those along the way.

She must lend a sympathetic ear
To every tale of woe,
Then forget about it
Lest it to others go.

Her children must be models rare
Of quietness and poise,
And still stay on the level
With the other girls and boys.

You may think it quite an easy task,
And just a pleasant life,
But really, it takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE

You may think it quite an easy task,
And just a pleasant life,
But really, it takes a lot of grace
To be a preacher's wife.

She's supposed to be a paragon,
Without a fault in view;
A saint when in the parsonage
As well as in the pew.

Her home must be a small hotel
For folks that chance to roam,
And yet have peace and harmony —
The perfect preacher's home.

ATTENDING CHURCH

Attend church? Of course we do,
Like others in our set,
Except on days that seem too cold
Or hot or wet.
And then, of course, in summer,
Just to keep up to par,
We take the kids on Sundays
For a joy ride in the car.
And sometimes, too, in spring and fall
I take a Sunday off
And hurry to the country club
To have a game of golf.
But all the other Sundays
You will find us in our pew,
For we always go to church
When we've nothing else to do.

A PREACHER'S PRAYER

I do not ask
 That crowds may throng the temple,
 That standing room be at a price;
 I only ask that, as I voice the message,
 They may see Christ.

I do not ask
 For churchly pomp, or pageant,
 Or music such as wealth alone can buy;
 I only ask that, as I voice the message,
 He may be nigh.

I do not ask
 That man may sound my praises,
 Or headlines spread my name abroad;
 I only ask that as I voice the message,
 Hearts may find God.

I do not ask
 For earthly place or laurel,
 Of this world's distinction any part:
 I only ask, when I voice the message
 My Saviour's heart.

SOME BIRD

When the church seeks a pastor
 They often want
 The strength of an eagle,
 The grace of a swan,
 The gentleness of a dove,
 The friendliness of a sparrow,
 And when they catch that bird
 They expect him to live
 On the food of a canary.

THE PASTOR

He stood in the pulpit,
 So straight and so tall;
 Expounding the truth,
 He seemed to know all.
 The light on his face
 Was bright as the sun;
 It was easy to see
 What the Saviour had done.
 The chapel was silent,
 Except for his voice,
 But as he proceeded,
 Many hearts did rejoice.
 For the Master was speaking,
 Through His servant that day;
 And at the conclusion,
 They rejoiced on their way.

William C. Summers

STAND BY

The preacher does better
 When you are there;
 'Tis hard to preach
 To an empty chair.
 But your chair is not empty
 When you're away,
 For Satan's imps
 Are there that day!

They make faces
 At the preacher's text.
 And show the folks
 Who are sitting next.
 And show them how much
 The church is down
 And it is all because
 You're out of town.

Prayer

MY PRAYER

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love and grace,
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek more earnestly His face.

"Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I trust, has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour,
At once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power,
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry powers of hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Yes, more, with His own hand He
seemed,
Intent to aggravate my woe,
Cross all the fair designs I schemed,
Blasted my gourds and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried,
"Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to
death?"
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith.

"These inward trials I employ,
From self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may'st seek thine all in Me."

TRAVELING ON MY KNEES

Last night I took a journey
To a land far 'cross the seas;
I didn't go by boat or plane,
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there
In deepest depths of sin,
And Jesus told me I should go,
That there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go
And work with such as these."
He answered quickly, "Yes, you can
By traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray; I'll meet the need,
You call and I will hear;
Be concerned about lost souls,
Of those both far and near."

And so I tried it, knelt in prayer,
Gave up some hours of ease;
I felt the Lord right by my side
While traveling on my knees.

As I prayed on and saw souls saved
And twisted bodies healed,
And saw God's workers' strength renewed
While laboring on the field,

I said, "Yes, Lord, I have a job,
My desire Thy will to please;
I can go and heed Thy call
By traveling on my knees."

Sandra Goodwin

PRAY, CHRISTIAN, PRAY!

If you want a great revival
 From South to Arctic Pole,
 If you want the blood of Jesus
 To make the sin-sick whole,
 If you want to see God's kingdom
 Come in with mighty power,
 If you want to see our nation
 A strong and righteous power,
 Then pray, Christian, pray!

If you want to hear your pastor
 Preach fervently with love,
 If you want to win lost sinners
 To Christ and "Home" above,
 If you want the Holy Spirit
 To teach you of true worth,
 If you want to see the glory
 Of God upon this earth,
 Then pray, Christian, pray!

If you want the sparkling waters
 To flood your thirsty soul,
 If you want to see religion
 In tidal waves that roll,
 If you want to send the Gospel
 To continents afar,
 If you want to see an ending
 To ghastly, bloody war,
 Then pray, Christian, pray!

If you want to follow Jesus
 And honor His dear Name,
 If you want the fire enkindled
 Into a holy flame,
 If you ever hope to finish
 The task you have begun,
 If you want the loving Father
 To say to you, "Well done,"
 Then pray, Christian, pray!

PRAYER

Prayer must be grounded on the Word
 Accompanied with faith
 Thus, what's according to His will
 God answers — as He saith.

God never fails to answer prayer
 In fervency implored;
 So, let each need presented be
 Before our gracious Lord.

If these conditions be fulfilled
 God's blessing will impart
 Fulness of joy, and faith, and love
 To every waiting heart.

A DRIVER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord — before I take my place
 Today behind the wheel,
 Please let me come with humble heart
 Before Thy throne to kneel
 And pray, that I am fit to drive
 Each busy thoroughfare,
 And that I keep a watchful eye
 Lest some small child be there.

And keep me thinking constantly
 About the Golden Rule
 When driving past the playground zone
 Or by some busy school
 Then when I stop to give someone
 His right to cross the street,
 Let me, my brother's keeper be
 And spare a life that's sweet.

Please make me feel this car I drive
 You gave me to enjoy,
 And that its purpose is to serve
 Mankind, but not destroy.

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Prayer

PRAY!

Pray in the early morning
For grace throughout the day;
We know not what temptations
And trials may cross our way.

Pray in the gladsome noontide,
When the day is at its best;
Pray when the night o'er takes thee
To Him who giveth rest.

Pray in the silent midnight,
If wakeful hours be thine;
Pray for a heart submissive,
That never will repine.

Pray in the hour of sorrow,
Pray in the hour of grief;
In coming to the Father,
Thy soul shall find relief.

Pray when the sun shines brightest,
Thy path with roses strewn;
Pray that thy heart be ever
With the Saviour's kept in tune.

Pray when the dark day cometh,
And clouds hang overhead;
In the secret of His presence
Thy soul hath naught to dread.

Pray for the Father's guidance
In all thy works and ways,
So shall thy days be fruitful,
Thy life be full of praise.

Living in touch with Jesus,
Keeping our own hearts right,
Others will be attracted
From darkness into light.

Mrs. Major Arnold

A PRAYER

(*Found in the Chester Cathedral
in the eighteenth century*)

Give us a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest.
Give us a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give us a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing sin is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give us a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;
Don't let us worry over much
About the fussy thing called "I."
Give us a sense of humor, Lord;
Give us the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk. Amen.

DO I REALLY PRAY?

I often say my prayers,
But do I really pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone,
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

For words without the heart
The Lord will never hear;
Nor will He to those lips attend
Whose prayer is not sincere!

Lord, show me what I need
And teach me how to pray,
And help me when I seek Thy grace
To mean the words I say.

John Burton

AN INTERCESSOR

Make me an Intercessor,
One who can really pray,
One of the Lord's remembrancers,
By night as well as day.

Make me an Intercessor,
Through whom the spirit can plead,
For the sin and sorrow on ever side
Of this world in darkness and need.

Make me an Intercessor,
In spirit-touch with Thee,
And given the Heavenly vision,
Pray through to victory.

Make me an Intercessor,
Teach me how to prevail,
To stand my ground and still pray on,
Though powers of hell assail.

Make me an Intercessor,
'Til pleading at Thy Throne,
The sins and sorrows of other lives
Become as my very own.

Make me an Intercessor,
Sharing Thy Death and life,
In prayer claiming for others
Victory in the strife.

Make me an Intercessor,
Willing for deeper death,
Emptied, broken, then made anew,
And filled with Living Breath.

Make me an Intercessor,
Hidden — unknown — set apart,
Thought little of by those around,
But satisfying Thine Heart.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

Robertson

A FATHER'S PRAYER

Dear God, my little boy of three
Has said his nightly prayer to Thee;
Before his eyes were closed in sleep
He asked that Thou his soul would keep;
And I, still kneeling at his bed,
My hand upon his tousled head,
Do ask, with deep humility,
That Thou, dear Lord, remember me.
Make me, kind Lord, a worthy dad,
That I may lead this little lad
In pathways ever fair and bright,
That I may keep his steps aright.
O God, his trust must never be
Destroyed or even marred by me.
So for the simple things he prayed
With childish voice so unafraid,
I, trembling, ask the same from Thee;
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.

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Prayer

MORE PRAYER

"More ships!" some cry; "more guns!"
"More fighters in the air!"
But, wise the king who adds,
"More prayer!"

Remember, angels use
This ancient thoroughfare;
So keep their highway clear —
More prayer!

One day will not suffice
To meet time's wear and tear,
Each hour of life must see
More prayer!

Again and yet again,
The scrolls of God declare:
"The deepest need of men —
"More prayer!"

THE HOUR OF PRAYER

Oh, what precious peace I find
In the hour of prayer —
When my Father's gentle touch
Scatters every care!

"Tis the only place I know;
"Tis a blest retreat
Where my soul contentment finds
At His mercy seat.

He will hear at any time,
He knows what I'll say
For He knows my inmost thoughts
Long before I pray!

Oh, what precious peace I find
In the hour of prayer,
"Tis the only place I know
Have you met Him there?

Georgia B. Adams

BE STILL, MY HEART

Not so in haste, my heart
Have faith in God, and wait;
Although He lingers long,
He never is too late.

Until He cometh, rest,
Nor grudge the hours that roll,
The feet that wait for God
Are soonest at the goal.

Are soonest at the goal.
That is not gained by speed,
Then hold thee still, my heart,
For I shall wait His lead.

WHO PRAYED?

Did you think of us this morning
As you breathed a word of prayer?
Did you ask for strength to help us
All our heavy burdens bear?

Did you speak of faith and courage
For the trials we must meet?
Did you ask that God might keep us
As you bowed at Jesus' feet?

Someone prayed, and strength was given
For the long and weary road.
Someone prayed and faith grew stronger
As we bent beneath our load.

Someone prayed—the way grew brighter,
And we walked all unafraid.
In our heart a song of gladness —
Tell us: Was it you who prayed?

A Missionary

THE SECRET PLACE

There is a place where thou canst touch
the eyes
Of blinded men to instant, perfect
sight;

There is a place where thou canst say,
“Arise!”

To dying captives, bound in chains of
night.

There is a place where thou canst reach
the store
Of hoarded gold, and free it for the
Lord;

There is a place here, or on a distant
shore,
Where thou canst send the worker and
the Word.

There is a place where heaven's resistless
power
Responsive moves to thine insistent
plea;

There is a place, a silent holy hour,
Where God Himself descends and
works for thee.

Where is that secret place? — dost thou
ask, “Where?”
O soul, it is the secret place of prayer!

A. A. Pollard

PRAY!

Pray! for earth has many a need.
Pray! for prayer is vital deed.
Pray! for God in heaven hears.
Pray! prayer will move the spheres.
Pray! for praying leads to peace.
Pray! for prayer gives release.

Pray! for prayer is never lost.
Pray! for prayer well pays its cost.
Pray! for prayer is always power.
Pray! for every prayer's a flower.
Pray! for prayer the Saviour finds.
Pray! for prayer creation binds.
Pray! for every prayer is gold.
Pray! for prayer is joy untold.
Pray! for praying frees from care.
Pray! for Jesus joins your prayer.

Amos R. Wells

PRAYER MOVES THE HAND THAT MOVES THE WORLD

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of the night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light.

There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails
When earthly loves decay.

That eye is fixed on seraph throngs;
That arm upholds the sky;
That ear is filled with angel songs;
That love is throned on high.

But there's a power which man can wield,
When mortal aid is vain,
That eye, that arm, that love to reach,
That listening ear to gain.

That power is prayer, which soars on
high,
Through Jesus, to the throne,
And moves the hand which moves the
world,
To bring salvation down.

John A. Wallace

Prayer

MY DAILY PRAYER

O Father, keep me through this day;
In Him who washed my sins away.

And guide me through the morrow, Thou;
Watch o'er me then, as even now.

O lead me truly by that One,
The Spirit of Thine only Son.

Keep me within His love and grace;
The Christ, the lovely, fair of face.

My Father, may I e'er for Thee
Thy witness, intercessor be.

Within the center of Thy will
Keep me, O Father, restful, still.

And by the power of Thy hand,
O compass me, as Thou hast planned.

And keep me 'neath Thy shelt'ring wings;
Away from sinful, earthly things.

My Father, keep me now, alway;
For 'tis in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Eva Gray

THE SECRET PLACE OF PRAYER

I love the secret place of prayer,
The shining mercy seat;
My precious Lord is always there
And fellowship is sweet.

How blest a refuge when the way
Has seemed so hard to see,
How wonderful to hear Him say,
"Nothing's too hard for Me."

Alone with God in quietness,
Apart from earthly care,
I praise Him for the blessedness
Of every answered prayer.

My precious Lord invites me to
This privilege so rare —
That's why I love the secret place,
The secret place of prayer!

Georgia B. Adams

PRAY ON!

Pray on! Our God is on His throne.
Tell Him your every need;
The One who hears and answers prayer
Will to your cry give heed.

Pray on! Elijah's God still lives.
He bends to catch your prayer.
He'll never fail His trusting child;
Your griefs He'll surely bear.

Pray on! Our God will answer prayer;
His ears are quick to hear
He knows the anxious, troubled heart;
He sees your every tear.

Pray on! Fight on, be true;
Our God still loves His own.
Your faith, though small, He will reward;
He reigns upon His throne.

Pray on! The answer yet will come
Though seemingly delayed;
In spite of all the foe may do,
Fear not, be not dismayed.

One day 'ere long we'll cease to pray;
Our prayers shall turn to praise.
We then shall see Him face to face —
Oh, glorious day of days!

NO DOUBT

You may hear a pygmy talking
Over the radio;
On a television program
 You may see the Antarctic snow;
You may hear the lovely music
 Of a distant violin,
And watch a child united
 With his long-imprisoned kin.
If you can see and hear such things
 That travel through the air,
How could you ever doubt that God
 Sees you and hears your prayer?

Helen Baker Adams

AND SO SHOULD YOU

The camel, at the close of day,
Kneels down upon the sandy plain
To have his burden lifted off
And rest again.

My soul, thou, too, shouldst to thy knees
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift the load
And give repose.

The camel kneels at morning's dawn
To have the guide replace his load —
Then rises up anew, to take
The desert road . . .

SECRET PRAYER

Go when the morning shineth,
 Go when the noon is bright,
Go when the eve declineth,
 Go in the hush of night:
Go with pure mind and feeling,
 Fling every fear away,
And in thy chamber kneeling,
 Go thou, in secret pray.

Remember all who love thee,
 And all who are loved by thee,
Pray, too, for those who hate thee,
 If any such there be:
Then, for thyself in meekness,
 A blessing humbly claim,
And link with each petition
 The great Redeemer's name.

Or if 'tis ever denied thee
 In solitude to pray,
Should holy thoughts come o'er thee
 When friends are round thy way,
E'en then the silent breathing
 Of thy spirit raised above,
May reach His throne of glory,
 Who is mercy, truth and love.

John Cross Belle

THE HOUR OF PRAYER

My God, is any hour so sweet,
 From blush of morn to evening star,
As that which calls me to Thy feet,
 The hour of prayer?

No words can tell what sweet relief
 Here for my every want I find;
What strength for warfare, balm for grief,
 What peace of mind.

Hushed is each doubt, gone every fear;
 My spirit seems in heaven to stay;
And e'en the penitential tear
 Is wiped away.

Lord, till I reach that blissful shore,
 No privilege so dear shall be,
As thus my inmost soul to pour
 In prayer to Thee.

Charlotte Elliott

Prayer

SOMEBODY PRAYED

Somebody prayed, and refreshing rain
Fell on the parching grass and grain,
Cooling, reviving; the drought was stayed
And food was growing — for somebody
 prayed.

Somebody prayed, and a hospital grew,
With long, cool windows and lovely view,
With clean, white cots for fevered heads,
And white-capped nurses with gentle
 tread.

Somebody prayed, and peaceful rest
Sweetly came to the troubled breast,
Bringing new hope where anguish before
Crushed and darkened life's pathway o'er.

Somebody prayed, and across the sea
The old, old story of Calvary,
With its new, sweet meaning of love
 untold,
To the waiting millions' hearts was told.

Somebody prayed! Oh, gift divine!
Linked with service for yours and mine;
Communing each day with the living
 Lord,
Working and waiting to prove His Word.

PRAAYER — ANSWER

At first I prayed for Light:
 Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly would I walk
 To everlasting day!

And next I prayed for Strength
 That I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet, and win
 To heaven's serene abode.

And then I asked for Faith:
 Could I but trust my God,

I'd live enfolded in His peace,
 Though fears were all abroad.

But now I pray for Love:
 Deep love to God and man;
A living love that will not fail,
 However dark the plan.

And Light, and Strength and Faith
 Are opening everywhere!
God only waited for me till
 I prayed the larger prayer.

Ednah D. Cheney

TAKE TIME TO TALK WITH GOD

Take time to talk with God before you
 hurry
To life's appointed tasks, Bring all your
 care,
Your disillusionment, your doubt, your
 worry,
And talk it over with the Lord in
 prayer.

Take time to talk with God. He stands
 between you
And all the unexpected that can come;
From every unseen foe His love would
 screen you,
And in its warmth are light and peace
 and home.

Take time to talk with God. Be not
 contriving
To push beyond today's uncertain rim,
Commit it to the Lord, Not all our
 striving
Can do as much as one small word with
 Him.

Helen Frazee-Bower

A PRAYER

Jesus, Thy life is mine!
Dwell evermore in me;
And let me see
That nothing can untwine
Thy life from mine.

Thy life in me be shown!
Lord, I would henceforth seek
To think and speak
Thy thoughts, Thy words alone,
No more my own.

Thy fullest gift, O Lord,
Now at Thy word I claim
Through Thy dear Name
And touch the rapturous chord
Of praise forth-poured.

Jesus, my life is Thine
And ever more shall be
Hidden in Thee!
For nothing can untwine
Thy life from mine.

WHEN NOBODY PRAYS

In a certain crypt-like courtroom,
A boy with tousled hair
Stood before a stern old judge,
A child of cold despair.
The youth explained his downfall
With this peculiar plea —
“Your honor,” was his bitter sob,
“*Nobody prayed for me.*”

“Next case!” the court clerk cried,
And a woman of the street
Was ushered from the dim-lit hall,
To face the judgment seat.
In the still and chilly chamber
Was heard her painful plea;

A scarlet siren’s wistful words —
“*Nobody prayed for me.*”

Now, next, before the cold old judge
A “drunk” was herded in,
And faced the scowling magistrate,
His body worn and thin.
“Well judge, I guess I’m guilty,”
Came the drunkard’s candid plea:
“I can’t give up drink, sir,
“*Nobody prays for me.*”

Merl A. Clapper

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED

Because you prayed
God touched our weary bodies with His
power,
And gave us strength for every trying
hour
In which we might have faltered,
Had not, our intercessors,
Faithful been and true.

Because you prayed
God touched our lips with coals from
altar fire,
Gave spirit fullness, and did so inspire
That when we spoke, sin-blinded souls
did see;
Sin-chains were broken;
Captives were made free.

Because you prayed
The “Dwellers in the Dark” have found
the light.
The glad, good news has banished
heathen night.
The message of the cross so long delayed
Has brought them life at last.
Because you prayed.

C. B. B.

Prayer

THE ANSWERED PRAYER

I prayed for strength, and then I lost awhile
All sense of nearness, human and divine;
The love I leaned on, failed and pierced my heart,
The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine;
And while I swayed, weak, trembling and alone,
The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light; the sun went down in clouds,
The moon was darkened by my misty doubt,
The stars of heaven were dimmed by And all my little candle flame burned out; earthly fears
But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night
The face of Christ made all the darkness bright.

I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease,
A slumber drugged from pain, a hushed repose;
Above my head the skies were black with storm,
And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes;
But while the battle raged, and wild winds blew
I heard His voice, and perfect peace I knew.

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou art too kind to heed
My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought,

Since these rich gifts Thy bounty has bestowed
Have brought me more than I have asked or thought.
Giver of good, so answer each request With Thine own giving, better than my best.

Annie Johnson Flint

PRAYER ANSWERED

I asked for strength that I might achieve;
He made me weak that I might obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things;
I was given grace that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I received nothing that I asked for, all that I hoped for,
My prayer was answered.

A MORNING PRAYER

I ask Thee not to withhold grief
Thou hast in store for me;
I only ask for courage, Lord,
To bear it patiently.
Some day the azure sky will break,
And Thy dear face I'll see;
I pray that Thou wilt find me, Lord,
Waiting patiently.

Betty Perpetuo

PURER IN HEART

Purer in heart, O God,
 Help me to be;
 May I devote my life
 Wholly to Thee
 Watch Thou my wayward feet
 Guide me with counsel sweet;
 Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God,
 Help me to be;
 Teach me to do Thy will
 Most lovingly.
 Be Thou My Friend and Guide,
 Let me with Thee, abide
 Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God
 Help me to be;
 That I Thy holy Face
 One day may see.
 Keep me from secret sin,
 Reign Thou my soul within;
 Purer in heart, help me to be.

PRAYER

I know not by what methods rare;
 But this I know: God answers prayer.
 I know that He has given His Word,
 Which tells me prayer is always heard
 And will be answered, soon or late;
 And so I pray and calmly wait.

I know not if the blessing sought
 Will come in just the way I thought,
 But leave my prayer with Him alone
 Whose will is wiser than my own,
 Assured that He will grant my quest
 Or send some answer far more blessed.

FLAME OF GOD

From prayer that asks that I may be
 Sheltered from winds that beat on Thee,
 From fearing when I should aspire,
 From faltering when I should climb
 higher,
 From silken self, O Captain free
 Thy soldier who would follow Thee.

From easy choices, weakenings,
 Not thus are spirits fortified,
 Not this way went the Crucified,
 From all that dims Thy Calvary,
 O Lamb of God, deliver me.

Give me the love that leads the way,
 The faith that nothing can dismay,
 The hope no disappointments tire,
 The passion that will burn like fire,
 Let me not sink to be a clod:
 Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

Amy Carmichael

BE STILL

I want to be still as a quiet hill,
 As mute as a silent rock,
 And listen to things like cricket wings
 Or the tick of a little clock . . .

I want to glide on a sleeping tide
 Far out on a great calm sea
 And dream of shores untouched by wars,
 Of peace that is yet to be . . .

I want to be part of the one great heart
 Of silent, celestial space,
 And let time roll till I fill my soul
 With the light from the Master's face.

Betsy W. Kline

Salvation — Conversion

COME UNTO ME

“Come unto Me,” said One below,
 “Come unto Me and rest.
My yoke is easy, burden light,
 My servants ever blest,
To weary souls and aching limbs
 I offer sweet release,
And lives by sin and sadness crushed
 In Me find perfect peace.”

“To you I come,” the Spirit saith,
 “To you bring light and cheer;
No longer dwells your Lord with men.
 But I am ever near;
I bring you truth, and strength, and
 grace;
I draw from endless store,
And on the sacred record shine
 That you may love Him more.”

“Come unto Me,” says One above,
 “Come to your Father’s home;
A rough and stormy way is yours
 The while on earth you roam.
But here for those who conquer sin
 Unfolded treasures lie,
And they who faithful serve below
 Shall rule with Me on high.”

John Stuart

THE SOUL

What is the thing of greatest price,
The whole creation, round?
That which was lost in paradise;
That which in Christ is found.
The soul of man, Jehovah’s breath;

It keeps two worlds in strife.
Hell works beneath its work of death,
Heaven stoops to give it life.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Nothing, either great or small,
 Nothing, sinner, no;
Jesus did it, did it all,
 Long, long ago.

When He from His lofty throne
 Stooped to do and die,
Everything was fully done;
 Hearken to His cry —

“It is finished!” Yes, indeed!
 Finished every jot.
Sinner, this is all you need;
 Tell me is it not?

Weary, working, burdened one,
 Wherefore toil you so?
Cease your doing; all was done
 Long, long ago.

Till to Jesus’ work you cling,
 By a simple faith,
“Doing” is a deadly thing —
 “Doing” ends in death.

Cast your deadly “doing” down —
 Down at Jesus’ feet;
Stand “in Him,” in Him alone,
 Gloriously “complete!”

COME UNTO ME

Come unto Me, said Jesus,
Ye who are weary and worn,
Bring unto Me your burdens,
And hearts that are anguish torn.

Come unto Me, ye toilers,
Tired of the stress and strife,
Find in Me a resting place,
And calm for that troubled life.

Bring unto Me your sorrows,
Ye who are bowed with grief,
I have a joy for those who mourn,
And a peace that brings relief.

Come unto Me, ye restless,
Homeless and friendless, O come,
And I will give you a resting place,
A place in My Father's home.

I know what it means to be weary,
With no place to lay My head,
I have shared the sorrows of many,
And have wept beside their dead.

Then come unto Me, ye troubled,
Ye who are sore distressed,
Come, and in coming to Me you find
A sweet and perfect rest.

Flora Osgood

I NEVER KNEW

I never knew what real peace meant
Until His peace He gave.
I never knew how lost I was
Until He came to save.

I never knew how to forgive
Until He pardoned me.

I never felt so clean within,
Till I was malice free.

I never knew what real joy meant
Until His joy I knew.
I never scaled the blessed heights
Until Christ thrilled me through.

I never knew what real friends were
Until His life touched mine.
I never knew a friend could be
Like Him, my Friend divine.

Glenn E. Wagoner

THERE IS A PLACE

There is a place of peace and rest,
'Tis at the Saviour's side;
It's there we find that quietness,
That ever will abide.

There is a place where calm prevails,
'Mid all the wars and strife;
It is in Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Who hides us in His life.

There is a place of quietness,
That calms our doubts and fears,
'Tis round the person of God's Son,
Who drives away our tears.

There is a place of calm retreat,
On Jesus' loving breast,
When tired and weary from the strain,
'Tis there that we find sweet rest.

There is a place of happiness,
And joy beyond compare;
'Tis in the center of God's will,
May we abide just there.

Alma Hoellein

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ROOM FOR JESUS

Have you any room for Jesus,
Has He spoken to your heart?
Have you answered to His pleading,
"Let Me all My grace impart"?

He will heal the sin-sick sinner,
He will answer every plea;
Trust in Him for He will save you;
From sin's grasp He'll set you free.

Trust Him now, O wait no longer;
Now the day of grace is here;
Now salvation you may have, friend,
If you'll trust Him, never fear.

He will save you, He will keep you
From sin's fetters, fear and woe;
He will banish Satan's powers,
And He'll conquer every foe!

Barbara H. Staples

CHRIST, MY SALVATION

Christ, my Lord, is my salvation
Him I'll trust, and never fear
When the tempter's darts assail me,
And the tempest draweth near.

Christ, my strength, the Rock of Ages,
Is my joy and perfect song;
To Him, fairest of ten thousands,
Doth my heart and soul belong.

Him I will declare, yes, mention,
As I cry and shout and sing
Of His wells of great salvation
In my song I'll praises bring.

I will praise His name forever,
Worship, love and Him adore;

In the ceaseless, endless ages
Praise His name forevermore.

Eva Gray

ON TIME WITH GOD

God has His times: No power of man
Can thwart His purposes divine;
For everything He has a plan
And one for this small life of mine.

I want to be on time with God,
My footsteps guided in His ways;
His will and mine of one accord,
My highest joy to speak His praise.

I want to be on time with God,
Nor fail Him when He calls to me;
I'll follow Him at home, abroad
'Til time becomes eternity.

C. D. Nutter

TOO BUSY

Too busy this morning
I'll say a prayer quick;
Tonight I'll have time
To study and to think.

Tonight I'm too tired
To study God's Word.
I'll wait 'til next week
Then I'll worship the Lord.

Next week came too fast;
But it seems that I may
Have more time next month
To read and then to pray.

Next month! Oh, yes,
I just wonder why
My love for the Lord
Is about ready to die.

WHAT THEN?

When the great, busy plants of our cities
 Shall have turned out their last finished
 work;
 When our merchants have sold their last
 order,
 And dismissed every hard-working
 clerk;
 When our banks have all counted the last
 of their notes
 And paid out their last dividend:
 When the Judge of the earth wants a
 hearing
 And asks for a balance — what then?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
 And the preacher has voiced his last
 prayer;
 When the people have heard their last
 sermon,
 And the sound has died out on the air;
 When the Bible lies closed in the pulpit
 And the pews are all empty of men;
 When we stand each one facing his
 record —
 And the great Book is opened — what
 then?

When the actors have played their last
 drama,
 And the mimic has made his last fun;
 When the movie has flashed its last
 picture,
 And the billboard displayed its last
 run;
 When the crowds seeking pleasure have
 vanished,
 And gone out into darkness again —
 When the trumpet of ages has sounded —
 And we stand up before Him — what
 then?

SIN AND ITS CURE

The worst of all diseases
 Is light compared with sin;
 On every part it seizes,
 But rages most within.

'Tis palsy, plague, and fever,
 And madness all combined;
 And none but a believer
 The least relief can find.

From men great skill professing
 I thought a cure to gain,
 But this proved more distressing,
 And added to my pain.

Some said that nothing ailed me,
 Some gave me up for lost;
 Thus every refuge failed me,
 And all my hopes were crossed.

At length the Great Physician,
 How matchless is His grace,
 Accepted my petition,
 And undertook my case.

First gave me sight to view Him,
 For sin my eyes had sealed,
 Then bid me look unto Him;
 I looked, and I was healed!

TRANSFORMED

I asked the roses as they grew
 Richer and lovelier in hue,
 What made their tints so rich and bright?
 They answered, "Looking toward the
 light."

Ah, secret dear, said heart of mine,
 God meant my life to be like thine,
 Radiant with heavenly beauty bright,
 By simply looking toward the light.

D. Weston Gates

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I CAME TO JESUS

I came to Jesus as I was,
Unlearned and unwise;
He took me as He only does,
And healed my blinded eyes,
I saw the glory of His Word,
From me went all my fears;
His gentle voice my spirit heard,
When dried were all my tears.

I came to Jesus with my sin,
Sufficient was His grace;
And now He sweetly dwells within
'Tis His abiding place,
The joy of my salvation, He,
My perfect righteousness;
'Tis He alone that comforts me,
My soul He now doth bless.

I came to Jesus with my guilt,
From it I was released;
Through His dear blood that once was
spilt,
My sorrow's quickly ceased,
The anguish in my heart was stilled,
I felt a joy divine;
With His own grace my soul He filled,
And made my face to shine.

I came to Jesus as a child,
In sin no more to roam;
In love upon my face He smiled,
And gave to me a home.
Sweet, happy fellowship have we,
My gracious Lord and I;
From sin and shame He sets me free,
And guides me with His eye.

I came, I came to Jesus Christ,
'Twas He who saved my soul,
'Twas He who washed me in His blood,
And made my spirit whole.

He is the sunshine of my heart,
My happy resting place.
Glad am I that I came to Him.
And found His truth and grace.

George White

WILL GOD'S PATIENCE HOLD OUT FOR YOU?

The patience of Job is a story old,
We marvel at this good man.
Yet infinitely greater God's patience is
Toward those who reject His plan.
He yearns and He pleads and He waits
to save
The many — not just the few —
But some day His patience will have
expired —
Say, will it hold out for you?

God's mercy and love are wonderful,
So tender that heart divine.
'Tis not in His plan that a single soul
In hell should be left to pine.
This human family He yearns to save;
He's calling, my friend, to you.
But we know that some day He will call
no more —
Will His patience hold out for you?

God's Spirit, He says, will not always
strive
On earth, in the hearts of men.
How grateful, my friend, you should be
today
That you still hear His pleadings then.
Some day, oh how sad, you will know no
more
That patience and love so true.
O sinner, today make your peace with
Him,
While His patience holds out for you!

Edythe Johnson

CHOOSE

Choose you this day whom you will serve,

Choose on whose side you will stand;
Will you stand with the throng,
Who uphold the wrong,
Or be led by the nail-pierced hands?

Consider the wages, tally the cost,
If to Satan's dark paths you should stray;

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How tragic if all of God's blessings be lost,
And eternal damnation your pay!

So hasten to join in the battle for truth,
Take a stand for the Saviour today;
Surrender to Jesus your talents, your youth,
Much is lost each hour you delay!

Verna Bishop

Service

KEEP SWEET

There's a little secret
Worth its weight in gold,
Easy to remember —
Easy to be told;
Changing into blessing
Every curse we meet,
Turning hell into heaven;
This is all — *keep sweet.*

Make us kind and gentle,
Harmless as a dove;
Giving good for evil,
Meeting hate with love:
What though trials press us,
What though tempest beat,
Naught can move or harm us,
If we just — *keep sweet.*

Sweet when things are bitter,
Sweet when things are sad,
Giving songs for sighing,
Making others glad:
In the quiet household,
On the bustling street;
Everywhere and always,
Jesus, *keep me sweet.*

PRAY—GIVE—GO

Three things the Master hath to do,
And we who serve Him here below,
And long to see His kingdom come,
Must pray, or give, or go.

He needs them all — the open hand,
The willing feet, the asking heart —
To work together and to weave
The threefold cord that shall not part.

Nor shall the giver count his gift
As greater than the worker's deed,
Nor he in turn his service boast
Above the prayers that voice the need.

Not all can go; not all can give
To arm the others for the fray;
But young or old, or rich or poor
Or strong or weak — we all can pray;

Pray that the full hands open wide
To speed the message on its way;
That those who hear the call may go,
And — pray that other hearts may
pray.

Annie Johnson Flint

STIR ME

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the
world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir till the blood-red banner be un-
furled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness
lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, till all my heart
Is stirred in strong compassion for
these souls,
Till Thy compelling "must" drives me to
prayer;
Till Thy constraining love reach to the
poles,
Far north and south in burning, deep
desire;
Till east and west are caught in love's
strong fire.

Stir me, O Lord, Thy heart has stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst
give
Thine only Son, Thy best-beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful cross that I might
live;
Stir me to give myself back to Thee
That Thou canst give Thyself again
through me.

Stir me, O stir me, Lord, for I can see
Thy glorious triumph day begin to
break;
The dawn already gilds the eastern sky.
Oh, church of Christ, awake, awake.
Oh, stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day,
The night is past, our King is on His
way.

IF I GO NOT, PRAY NOT, GIVE NOT

If I go not . . . to those who have not
heard;
If I withhold from them God's precious
Word;
If sin-cursed heathen go to Christless
graves
And never, never know that Jesus saves;
If by my negligence some souls are lost
Despite God's mercy and Calvary's un-
told cost;
If I care not for those in distant lands,
Shall not their blood-guilt be upon my
hands?

If I pray not . . . for those who witness
bear;
If I no intercessory burden share;
If God's dear servants ne'er are in my
heart,
And in their labors, I have no part;
If by my prayerlessness there comes an
hour,
When they lack wisdom, or grace, or
strength, or power
And captive souls escape not sin's strong
bands,
Shall not their blood-guilt be upon my
hands?

If I give not . . . and by my selfishness
I cause God's work and workers sore
distress;
If my poor stingy heart will hardened be
To needs of others, their necessity;
If by my failure some shall never hear
The message of salvation, then I fear
Mine is the sin, and justice fair demands
That I accept the guilt of bloody hands!

THE VINEYARD

There are many who go to the Vineyard
 To answer the call of the Lord,
 With an eye not alone to the labor
 But looking for great rewards.
 They will work with a zest near the
 highway
 Where those passing by can see
 But will drop from the ranks in a moment
 If placed in obscurity.

Yet, the vines at the back of the Vineyard
 Were set out with equal care
 And the Master has never forgotten
 How many He planted there.
 And the Lord who has called us to labor
 Knows best what each man can do
 So be quick to go out in the Vineyard
 Though few may notice you.

For the grapes at the back of the Vine-
 yard
 May grow on the precious stalk
 That the Lord would not put near the
 roadside
 Where the thieves and the thoughtless
 walk.
 And the place where He bids you to labor
 May seem a forsaken plot
 But prove out in the plan of the Master
 A specially *cherished spot!*

Then go out to the place He has given
 Nor question His high decree
 But be true to your task till the end time
 Though few may know or see
 And the grapes on your side of the Vine-
 yard
 May prove to be Eshol's brand
 When the labor is done and the workers
 Before Him, shall stand.

MARY AND MARTHA

Mary was busy and hurried,
 Serving the Friend divine,
 Cleansing the cups and the platters,
 Bringing the bread and the wine;
 But Martha was careful and anxious,
 Fretted in thought and in word,
 She had no time to be learning
 While she was serving the Lord,
 For Martha was "cumbered" with serving
 Martha was "troubled" with "things"—
 Those that would pass with the using—
 She was forgetting her wings.

But Mary was quiet and peaceful,
 Learning to love and to live,
 Mary was learning His precepts,
 Mary was letting Him give —
 Give of the riches eternal,
 Treasures of mind and of heart;
 Learning the mind of the Master,
 Choosing the better part.
 Do we ever labor at serving
 Till voices grow fretful and shrill,
 Forgetting how to be loving,
 Forgetting how to be still?

Do we strive for "things" in possession,
 And toil for the perishing meat,
 Neglecting the one thing needful —
 Sitting at Jesus' feet?
 Service is good when He asks it,
 Labor is right in its place,
 But there is one thing better —
 Looking up into His face;
 There is so much He would tell us,
 Truths that are precious and deep;
 This is the place where He wants us,
 These are the things we can keep.

Annie Johnson Flint

Service

LABOR NOT IN VAIN

My dishes went unwashed today,
I didn't make the bed,
I took God's hand and followed
To Sunday school instead.

O yes, we went adventuring,
My young people and I,
Explaining in the Bible,
The truths none can deny.

That my house was neglected,
That I didn't sweep the stair,
In twenty years no one on earth
Will know, or even care.

But that I've helped a girl or boy,
In Christian witness grow,
In twenty years, the whole wide world
May look and see and know.

NOT ONE IS TURNED AWAY FROM GOD

Not one is turned away from God,
Not one will He deny;
So let us lead the lost to Him,
That not one soul may die!
Our weapons are the swords of faith
And love and fervent prayer,
With time and talents, and the means
To send the Gospel there.

Not one is turned away from God,
But if they do not hear
How can they turn to Him, from their
Tormenting sin and fear?
No, not one soul will He deny,
But if we do not go
How can they hear the Word of God,
That One who loves them so?

We, by our prayer, and by our means,
Can spread the gospel seed,
And countless ransomed souls will find
The answer to their need;
The darkened lands will fill with light
By God's redeeming grace,
And we, with them one day shall stand
Before Him, face to face!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

TAKE YOUR PLACE

Somewhere the world has a place for you
That is all your own;
Somewhere is work that your hand
can do,
And yours alone.
Whether afar over land and sea
Or close at your door may the duty be,
It calls for your service full and free —
Take your place!

Somewhere the world has bitter tears
Your smile might dry;
Somewhere burdened with doubts and
fears,
The hopeless sigh.
There are steps that falter, weary, weak,
For strong, brave arm they vainly seek;
Will you pass them by on the journey
bleak?
Take your place!

Somewhere the world has a desert spot
Your toil might till;
Somewhere a life whose loveless lot
Your love might fill.
If the place that waits be high or low,
Question not, cry not, onward go!
The world's great battle needs every
blow —
Take your place!

FATHER, TEACH ME

"Father, teach me how to pray,
Tell me what I ought to say,
I would pray like Jesus."

"Father, teach me how to live,
I to Thee my best would give,
I would live like Jesus."

"Father, teach me how to serve,
And Thy holy will observe,
I would serve like Jesus."

Walter M. Lee

MISSIONS

There are many desert places,
Far beyond the sea,
Where the unenlightened races
Hunger for the gospel plea.
To those far-off wildernesses,
Long with vices overgrown,
God the Father sends, and blesses
Ministers to save His own.

If we cannot go there, preaching
Jesus who was crucified,
We can send a message, teaching
That for them a Saviour died.
We can help to lift the sorrow
From some brother in despair;
We can help to make the morrow
Of some sister bright and fair.

There are souls in many regions
Round about us, famishing
For the Bread of Life, and legions
Know not Jesus as their King.
If we cannot go and feed them,
We can lend a helping hand,
Send a messenger to lead them,
And fulfill the Lord's command.

Let us give in fullest measure
As the Lord has prospered each;
Let us open heart and treasure
As the Holy Scriptures teach.
Let us send the proclamation
That the Word of Life is free
To the sons of God's creation,
Both at home and o'er the sea.

BE FRIENDLY

You may not stand in the halls of fame
With honor to thy name;
You may not own a lot of wealth,
Nor even have the best of health;
You may not reach some earthly throne,
Nor claim a palace of your own;
You may not master some great art,
Nor rank with those the world calls smart,
But you can be friendly.

You may not be a scholar great,
Nor with the learned highly rate;
You may not wear a pretty face,
Nor fill a great, important place;
You may not write a book or a song,
Nor have the praises of a throng;
You may not ride in pullman cars,
Nor reach through eloquence the stars,
But you can be friendly.

Yes, friendly with the folks at home,
And friendly where you chance to roam;
Quite friendly all along the way
With those you meet from day to day;
For people know it's well worth while
To wear a kind and friendly smile,
And reach to them a friendly hand,
However great or small they stand —
Yes, you can be friendly.

Walter E. Isenhour

Service

SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all.

If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Saviour's waiting arms.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There's nothing I can do."
While souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work thy pleasure be,
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me."

THIS I CAN DO

I cannot speak to crowds;
I can to one,
And tell him what for me
The Lord hath done.

I like to think that He,
Whose love I tell,
Spoke to one needy heart
By Jacob's well.

When Philip's feet were led
To one strange tryst,
He showed one seeking soul
The seeking Christ.

If 'mid the ones and twos
My work shall be,
Gladly will I fulfill
This ministry.

Some many talents have.
I have but one;
Yet I with them may share
The King's "well done!"

H. T. Lefevre

OPERATION — SOULS

Will you lend your eyes to Christ
To weep for the souls of men
Will you give your heart to earnest
prayer
To save a soul from sin?
Will you cause your feet to walk the way
Some sin-burdened soul hath trod?
Will you thrust forth a hand to guide
and lead
That wretched soul to God?

Remember friend, God's Word hath said,
With fear this work to do,
Lest we should fail this God-given task
And other things pursue,
With trembling heart but purpose firm
The Word of God in hand —
This call to you goes forth today
To rally to the man.

CREDIT

What care I who gets the credit?
Only let the work be done;
Christ Himself will handle credits
With the setting of the sun.
Praise or blame, what does it matter?
Rise above them every day;
Soul, you'll never win the battle
If you fear what men will say.
While the world is sick and waiting
For the something I can be,
Help me, Lord, in stress and struggle
Just to keep my eyes on Thee.

IN HIS SERVICE

For you who are seeking to serve with
your best
The Saviour who died that the world
might be blessed.
Your work in His vineyard can bring
life anew,
For souls are the harvest, but workers are
few.

Not fretting if life with its years passing
by
Has cost you all riches, untreasured on
high,
But earnestly, prayfully, spreading the
Word,
Travailing lest someone, somewhere,
hasn't heard.

Surrendered, obedient, seeking His will
With faith that all needs for your life
He will fill,
For Jesus, our Shepherd, is King of the
fold;
Content in His love, you will never grow
old.

Clarence E. Clar

CALL TO CONFLICT

Grant, Lord, that through the printed
page
Thy Word will yet be spread
To every nation, race, and tribe,
Which now in sin is dead.
Oh, let not Satan's lies be sown
Among the literate;
But let Thy Word to them be given
Who for the Truth await.
Arise, O Lord, and let Thy Church
Be victor in the field.

Teach every Christian warrior
His heavenly sword to wield.
Sound forth Thy trumpet loud and clear,
Thy sleeping church awake;
Teach us to sacrifice our best,
And every effort make.

YOU WILL FIND A JOY IN SERVICE

When the blessed Saviour calls you
You must then prepare to go,
Though it be to steaming jungles
Or the Northland's ice and snow.

He will ask but what is needed,
For He knows all things to be;
When He speaks, then answer quickly
His kind, tender "Follow Me."

In His steps is joy forever,
By His side is peace untold;
Though you walk through troubled waters
His sure hand will safe-uphold.

Then, forsaking all things gladly,
That you may His bidding do,
You will find a joy in service
That will bless the world and you!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill,
E'er sets the evening sun.
This, the wish I always wish,
The prayer I always pray;
Lord, may my life help others lives,
It touches by the way.

Service, Smoking — Drinking

HUMBLE SERVICE

If you can make life brighter
For just one soul each day;
If you can bring some sunshine
Into someone's dark way;
If you by word or action
Can make one life less drear,
Someone will be the better
Because God placed you here.

If you can speak of Jesus
To just one erring heart;
If you to someone downcast
Fresh courage can impart;
If you by word or action

Can lessen someone's pain,
Or bring some soul to Jesus,
You will not live in vain.

Lillian G. Heard

DON'T TELL ME

Don't tell me what you will do
When you have time to spare;
Tell me what you did today
To ease a load of care.
Don't tell the dreams you have
Of conquest still afar;
Don't say what you hope to be,
But tell me what you are.

Smoking — Drinking

A WHISKY SONG

Sing a song of whisky,
A pocket without pence;
A purse that's always empty.
A head that has no sense
Four and twenty jail birds
Under lock and key,
Curse the drink that cost them
The birthright of the free.
When their cells were opened
Drinking more and more:
A drunkard's life behind them,
A drunkard's life before.
The brewer in his counting house
Is counting out his money;
The barman in his parlor
Is eating others' honey.
While starving little children,
And women lean and poor,
In rags and broken hearted,
Beg from door to door.
Sing a song of whisky,
Sound it all the time;

The horrid song of whisky —
Sorrow, sin and crime.

THE BAR

A bar to heaven, a door to hell,
Whoever named it, named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth;
A door to want and broken health.

A bar to honor, pride and fame;
A door to grief and sin and shame.
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer;
A door to darkness and despair.

A bar to honored, useful life;
A door to brawling, senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave;
A door to every drunkard's grave.

A bar to joys that home imparts;
A door to tears and aching hearts.
A bar to heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it, named it well.

*Written by a life convict
in Joliet prison*

Smoking – Drinking, Stewardship

MAN HAS NO SMOKESTACK

If God ever had intended,
When He first created man,
That he'd have smoked,
He'd have built him on
An entirely different plan,
He'd have furnished him with
A stovepipe, a damper, and a grate,
And He'd have had a smoke consumer
That was strictly up to date.

I have walked in sunny meadows
Where the sunbeams flashed and broke,
But I never saw the sheep, cattle and
horses smoke.

I have watched the birds with wonder
When the grass with dew was wet,
But I never saw a robin
Puffing a cigarette.

I have fished in many a river
Where the sucker crop was ripe,
But I never saw a catfish
Puffing a briar pipe.
Man is the only living creature
That parades this vale of tears
Like a smoking traction engine
Puffing smoke from nose and ears.

SAID THE WHISKY FLASK

Said the whisky flask to a cigarette,
"I'd like to make a good sized bet
That I can get more scalps than you,
Although your victims aren't so few."
Said the cigarette to the whisky flask,
"Well, that's easy as I could ask,
For I give the kids their downward start,
Then you pitch in and do your part.
They come to you with a burning thirst,
But I'm the fellow that sees them first
So most of the fellows count on me.
I'll take the bet, it's a cinch do-ye see?"
Then the whisky flask has this to say,
"I never looked at the thing that way
But I confess you spoke the truth.
'Tis you who tackles the foolish youth
You fill his system with dopey smoke,
I mold him into a first class soak;
We work together far too well
To quarrel for even a little spell."
So the whisky flask and the cigarette
Shook hands together and offered a bet,
And away they sauntered side by side
Hunting for victims far and wide:
In every corner of the nation,
Partners in crime and ruination.
So here's our warning, on the level,
Shun them as you would shun the devil.

Stewardship

YOUR MONEY AND MINE

Use your money while you're living —
Do not hoard it to be proud;
You can never take it with you —
There is no pocket in a shroud.

Gold can help you on no farther
Than the graveyard where you lie;

"Though you are rich while living,
You're a pauper when you die.

Use it, then, some lives to brighten,
As through life they wearily plod;
Place your bank account in heaven,
And grow rich toward your God.

Stewardship

A DOLLAR I GAVE

Three thousand for my brand new car,
 Five thousand for a piece of sod,
 Ten thousand I paid to begin a house —
 A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain
 My friends in pointless chatter,
 And when the world goes crazy mad
 I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"

Yet, there is one big question,
 For the answer I still search
 "With things so bad in this old world,
 What's holding back my church?"

OUT OF THIS LIFE

Out of this life I shall never take
 Things of silver and gold I make.
 All that I cherish and hoard away
 After I leave, on this earth must stay.
 Though I have toiled for a painting rare
 To hang on the wall, I must leave it
 there.
 Though I call it mine, and boast its worth
 I must give up when I leave this earth.
 All that I gather, and all that I keep
 I must leave behind when I fall asleep.
 And I often wonder what I shall own
 In that other life, when I pass alone.
 What shall they find, and what
 Shall they see, in the soul that
 Answers the call for me?
 Shall the great judge learn
 When my task is through,
 That my spirit has gained some riches
 too?
 Or shall at last, it be mine to find
 That all I'd worked for is left behind?

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive,
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
 To Thee our first fruits give.

William Walsham How

TO PLEDGE OR NOT TO PLEDGE

To pledge or not to pledge —
 That is the question.
 Whether 'tis nobler in a man
 To take the Gospel free
 And let another foot the bill,
 Or sign a pledge and pay toward
 Church expense!
 To give, to pay — aye, there's the rub
 To pay —
 When on the free-pew plan a man
 May have
 A sitting free and take the Gospel, too
 As though he paid, and none be aught
 The wiser
 Save the church committee who —
 Most honorable men — can keep a
 secret !
 "To err is human," and human, too, to buy
 At cheapest rate. I'll take the Gospel
 so !
 For others do the same — a common rule !
 I'm wise; I'll wait, not work —
 I'll pray, not pay,
 And let the other fellow foot the bills,
 And so I'll get the Gospel free,
 You see !

Sunday School

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SPEAKS

This child that God has given you
Is your special pride and joy,
And you would give your very life
For this precious girl or boy.

You teach him to be truthful —
To be honest, to be fair.
When his health or life's in danger
You're the very first to care.

Never would you dream of shirking
Your responsibility
In schooling or companionship
Or sports ability.

But what about his precious soul?
Do you care for it as much?
Do you teach him of the wonder
Of the Saviour's blessed touch?

Is this duty left to others
In an hour or two each week,
When it would be better daily
If his parent learned to speak?

If we all could work together —
Parents, teachers — with the Lord,
How those little souls would blossom
With the message of God's Word!

For the Word of God — the Bible —
Is your child's most precious tool.
Will you help him learn to use it
In your home and Sunday school?

THE TEACHER SEES A BOY

His trousers are torn, rolled up to the knee,
A hole in his shirt which he caught on a tree;
But I see a soul for whom Jesus has died
Clothed in His righteousness, pressed to His side.

I see not labor and hours of prayer
Spent for that freckle-faced, naughty boy there.

But I see a Saviour with arms open wide
Waiting in heaven to take him inside.

I see not freckles, but man fully grown,
A heart filled with God's Word I've fully sown
A life speaking forth for the Saviour each day —
O Lord, for this boy I most earnestly pray.

I see not mischief, but energy bent
Put to the task where the Lord wants it spent;
O God, make this lively, mischievous boy
A power for Thee, to Thy heart a joy.

Margaret Morningstar

Thanks

ARE WE THANKFUL?

Are we being fair, I wonder,
With our Saviour and our Lord?
Do we call upon Him often as He
Bids us in His Word?
Do we ever kneel before Him in
The stillness of the night,
Giving thanks when through some
Trial He has guided us aright?

We may pray to Him at dawning
For a day of love and peace.
Living through the sunny hours
When our troubles seem to cease.
Do we kneel again at evening when
The day is spent and done
And recount these hours to Him,
Giving thanks for everyone?

If we prayed to Him at evening for
A night of quiet rest,
Did we thank Him in the morning
When he granted our request?
If we asked of Him some folly in
A prayer we thought was just
Did we come when He denied it
And repledge to Him our trust?

Though He knows our every action,
Thoughtlessness can grieve Him, too,
Let Him share our joys and sorrows
As a Friend has right to do.
Let us never be so busy nor so
Weary of the Way
That we cannot pause to thank Him
For the blessings of today.

MERCIES AND BLESSINGS

“Loaded with benefits daily,”
Sent from the Father above;
Mercies and blessings abounding,
Gifts of His marvelous love.

Daily the Lord is my Keeper,
Daily He’s taking my part,
Daily for me interceding,
Bearing my cause on His Heart.

Strength for the day He supplieth,
Daily He meets every need;
Bears every burden arising,
He is my Shepherd indeed!

THANKSGIVING

For morning sun and evening dew,
For every bud that April knew,
For storm and silence, gloom and light,
And for the solemn stars at night;
For fallow field and burdened byre,
For roof-tree and the hearth-side fire;
For everything that shines and sings,
For dear, familiar daily things —
The friendly trees, and in the sky
The white cloud-squadrons sailing by;
For hope that waits, for faith that dares
For patience that still smiles and bears,
For love that fails not, nor withstands;
For healing touch of children’s hands,
For happy labor, high intent,
For all life’s blessed sacrament,
O Comrade of our nights and days,
Thou givest all things, take our praise!

Arthur Ketchum

THANKS TO GOD

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thessalonians 5:18).

Thanks to God for my Redeemer;
Thanks for all Thou dost provide;
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry;
Thanks for Jesus, by my side;
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime;
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten;
Thanks for peace within my soul.

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee,
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

J. A. Hultman

BE THANKFUL

When you ask God in the morning
For His guidance through the day,
Thank Him for the many blessings
He in love has sent your way.
When you're asking aid from Heaven
Mingle with your morning prayer

A word of praise and gratitude
For all His kindly care.

When you send up your petition
To the Throne of Grace on High,
Thank Him for the many favors
That His mercy does supply,
Be more mindful of the blessings
That His kindness does impart
And the Lord will doubly bless you
For the joy you brought His heart.

Mark Bullock

THANKSGIVING

Once again our glad thanksgivings
Rise before our Father's throne,
As we try to count the blessings
Of the years so swiftly flown;
As we trace the wondrous workings
Of His wisdom, pow'r and love,
And unite our "Holy! Holy!"
With the seraphim above.

As we gather 'round our firesides
On this new Thanksgiving Day
Time would fail to count the blessings
That have followed all the way;
Grace sufficient, help and healing,
Prayer, oft answered at our call,
And the best of all our blessings,
Christ Himself, our All in All!

While we love to count the blessings —
Grateful for the year that's gone,
Faith would sweep a wider vision,
Hope would gaze yet farther on;
For the signals, all around us,
Seem with one accord to say:
Christ is coming soon to bring us
Earth's last, best Thanksgiving Day!

A. B. Simpson

Thanks

THANK THEE, LORD

Lord, we thank Thee for affliction
How it draws our hearts to Thee!
Though the road be hard and thorny
Yet Thy face we still can see.

Thank Thee, Lord, for every trial
Though we do not understand,
Lead us gently step by step
And hold us by Thy hand.

Alone, we are most needy and
No worthiness possess;
In Christ we find our All in All,
Our strength, our righteousness.

We hear Thy kind, constraining voice
That bids us trust in Thee,
And only in Thy strength we find
Our all-sufficiency.

Though all of life seems hopeless, still
God's faithfulness remains;
Thy Holy Word has bathed our hearts —
Thy precious peace sustains.

Georgia B. Adams

THANKFUL HEART

I lift my heart to Thee, O God,
In gratitude and praise
For all Thy blessings of the past,
And those of future days —
For well I know if I shall live,
Thy blessings still shall flow
Across my soul in greater joy
Than I could ever know.
I thank Thee for my faithful friends,
For sunshine and the rain,
And every blessing hid or seen,
Though some may come through pain.
O God, accept my thanks to Thee
Each time I come to pray,
And grant each day that I shall live
Will be Thanksgiving Day.

F. W. Davis

IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS

'Mid sunshine, cloud or stormy days,
When hope abounds or care dismays,
When trials press and toils increase
Let not thy faith in God decrease —
"In every thing give thanks."

All things we know shall work for good,
Nor would we change them if we could;
'Tis well if only He commands;
His promises will ever stand —
"In every thing give thanks."

He satisfies the longing heart,
He thwarts the tempter's cruel dart,
With goodness fills the hungry soul,
And helps us sing when billows roll.
"In every thing give thanks."

AN EVENING PRAYER

Dear God, another day is done
And I have seen the golden sun
Swing in the arch from east to west
And sink behind the pines to rest.
I thank Thee that Thou gavest me
The power of sight that I may see
The tinted glories of Thy skies,
An earthly glimpse of paradise;
The power to hear the evening breeze
Swelling in organ harmonies;
The power to feel the tender grasp
Of loving hands in friendship's clasp;
I thank Thee for these gifts to me,
But one thing more I ask of Thee;
From out Thy bounteous, gracious hand
Give me the power to understand,
To understand — to sympathize —
To note the pain in other's eyes;
To have the power rightly to read
The kindly motive of each deed.
And this I humbly ask of Thee
Because I know Thou lovest me.

Tongue — Temper

GUARD THY TONGUE

Guard thou thy tongue from ceaseless words,
 Whatever else you do;
 And ere you speak of anything,
 Be sure you know it's true.
 For oftentimes some little word,
 Though said in fun and jest,
 Will fill some tender, loving heart
 With dire unhappiness.

Guard thou thy tongue from careless words.
 For frequently I've found
 An evil word will gather weight
 When lightly passed around;
 So let your mind no evil think,
 Your eyes no evil see,
 And when you of your neighbor speak,
 Use words of charity.

Alice M. Barr

M-Y T-E-M-P-E-R

Once I lost my temper,
 Threw it quite aside,
 Oh, I did not realize,
 Part of me had died.

 Oh, I did not realize,
 That swift anger's fire,
 Burns the heart that reaches
 Toward the sky — and higher.

Once I kept my temper,
 When things tried my soul;
 Kept it sweet and shining,
 Wonderful and whole.

Then — and this is truthful —
 All the way I trod,
 Seemed to lead me brightly,
 Toward the throne of God.

Too Busy

STOP A MINUTE!

No time to read, no time to pray,
 No time to serve the Lord today,
 No time to teach in Sunday school,
 No time — for life is very full.

No time to give a gospel tract,
 No time to do a kindly act,
 No time to seek as Jesus sought,
 No time — for life is very short.

No time to call upon a friend,
 No time, e'en though he's near the end,
 No time to share another's care,
 No time — for life is such a tear.

No time? How much is spent on self?
 How much on gaining worldly wealth?
 How much on seeking place and ease?
 Do you have time for only these?

Too Busy

NO ROOM

As Joseph knocked upon his door
The keeper of the inn came out,
And heedless of the woman's plight,
His answer left no chance for doubt.

"No room," he said, and closed the door;
"There is no room for you to stay;
"No room," we answer when Christ
knocks
Our hearts uncaring, still, today.

No room for him in busy hours,
No room amid life's throng;
No room for Christ, the light, the hope,
The giver of life's song!

No room for Him! How can we go
Unheeding, careless still,
When all of heaven would rejoice
To do His blessed will?

No room! May our repentant hearts
Respond this day and hour,
That Christ, the King of glory may
Come in His mighty power!

"No room," again we shall repeat —
"No room for aught but Him!"
Then oh, the glory we shall know
Which cannot wane or dim!

Dorothy Conant Stroud

CROWDED OUT

My day was filled with many things,
Some that I cared a lot about,
For I had planned each moment full,
But my Lord was crowded out.

I really meant to read His Word,
To pray with heart devout —

But *things* just crowded in until
My Lord was crowded out.

For things I wanted most to do
The time I found, without a doubt.
And somehow days were oft the same:
My Lord was crowded out.

My heart grew sad without His smile;
The foe was hard to rout;
For He alone who's all in all
My heart had crowded out.

At last I've learned to plan 'round Him
Though friends may plead and pout;
And days are doubly full and rich
Since He's not crowded out.

Florence White Willett

COULD YOU SPARE SOME TIME FOR JESUS?

Could you spare some time for Jesus
Who had time to die for you?
You may say, "I am too busy."
Yes, but Christ was busy too.

Why not make some time for Jesus
On Wednesday night each week?
For I'm sure that God will bless you
With the things that you now seek.

If as Jesus' blood-bought children
We ignore His urgent call,
How can we expect the heathen
To learn of Adam's fall?

If we would only come to Jesus
In thanksgiving and in prayer.
What answers we could look for
If on Wednesday you were there.

Lester Knickman

Too Busy

NO TIME FOR GOD

No time for God
What fools we are, to clutter up
Our lives with common things
And leave outside heart's gate
The Lord of Life and Life itself.

No time for God
And soon to say no time
To eat and sleep or love or die.
Take time for God!
Or you shall dwarf your soul
And when the angel Death
Comes knocking at your door
A poor misshapen you will be
To step into eternity.

Someday you'll lay aside
This mortal self and make your way
To worlds unknown
And when you meet Him face to face
Will He — should He
Have time for you?

TOO BUSY

Too busy to read a chapter a day,
Too busy, yes, much too busy to pray,
Too busy to think of your wasted past.
In this whirlwind life which we know
won't last.

Too busy to speak a word of cheer,
To the heart-broken friend, that stands
so near.
Too busy to help lift his heavy load,
That he's trying to carry on life's rough
road.

Too busy gathering a dollar and dime,
For the worthwhile things we haven't
time.

The devil keeps whispering, "Grab your
share,
Why waste precious hours in prayer?"

Too busy to heed the orphans cry,
And with a glance we hurry by,
Some day we'll lift our voice to the sky,
For not one of us is too busy to die.

Perhaps when we reach that pearly white
throne,
God will be too busy to call us His own,
So let us calm down to slower pace,
Be ready to meet Jesus face to face.

FORGETTING GOD

I forgot my Lord in the summertime
When I was needed the most;
I was not away, but each Lord's Day
I failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summertime,
As I lazily lay in bed;
While the faithful few had my work to do,
And I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my pledge in the summertime,
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent I was pleasure
bent,
"Off duty" for God until fall.

If my Lord should come in the summer-
time,
When from duty to God I'm free,
Oh, what would I do when my life is
through
If perchance my God should forget me?

J. E. Harvey

Testimony

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,

If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,

And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best —

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,

That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,

With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,

Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard —

And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?

Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder — if the Saviour spent a day or two with you —

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?

Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?

And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read,

And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,

Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,

Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,

Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do

If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

HOW DO YOU LIVE?

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear it
any day.

I'd rather one walk with me than just
to show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing
than the ear.

Advice may be misleading, but an ex-
ample's always clear.

And the very best of preachers are the
men who live their creeds.

For to see good put into action is what

everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me
see it done.

I can watch your hands in motion, but
your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very
fine and true,

But I'd rather get my lessons by observ-
ing what you do.

For I may misunderstand how you act but
never how you live.

Trust

THE MYSTERIOUS WAY

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

William Cowper

PROGRESS

Until I learned to trust,
I did not learn to pray,
And I did not learn to fully trust
Till sorrows came my way.

Until I felt my weakness,
His strength I never knew,
Nor dreamed till I was stricken
That He would see me through.

Who deepest drinks of sorrow
Drinks deepest too of grace,
He sends the storm so He Himself
Can be our hiding place.

His heart that seeks our highest good
Knows well when things annoy,
We would not long for heaven
If earth held only joy.

Trust – Victory

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEADS ME

All the way my Saviour leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Saviour leads me;
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day;
This my song thro' endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

Fanny J. Crosby

Victory

VICTORY

Long long ago on Calvary,
There hung upon a cross
A lifeless figure given in love
To whom was written "loss."

A Roman soldier tough and hard
Fought back a silent tear,
And women stood and wept aloud
"Twas more than they could bear.

His words and works were full of love,
His life a sacrifice,
The mob was as pitiless — the priests
Triumphant with the price.

But God is love, and righteousness
Won over worldly strife,
For Jesus Christ arose again
To everlasting life.

KEEPING VICTORY

Meet your Saviour in the morning
In the secret place of prayer,
And obtain the strength and courage
You shall need for ev'ry care.
Meet your loved ones and your neighbors,
Meet your friends and meet your foes;
Meet the sinners and the Christians
With sweet peace that overflows.

Meet your trials and your problems,
Meet your heartaches and your sighs;
Meet your many disappointments,
And whatever sorely tries,
With a heart of love and kindness
And with faith that reaches God,
Knowing that His hand will lead you
Up the way that saints have trod.

Walter E. Isenhour

Warning

BUILDING THE BRIDGE FOR HIM

An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fears for
him,
But he turned when he reached the other
side,
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with
building here;
Your journey will end with the ending
day,
And you never again will pass this way.

"You have crossed the chasm deep and
wide.

Why build you a bridge at eventide?"
And the builder raised his old gray head:
"Good friend, on the path I have come,"

he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet will pass this way.

"This stream, which has been as naught
to me,

To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim —
Good friend, I am building this bridge
for him."

W. A. Dromgoole

With Christ

CHRIST ALONE

Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow,
That a time could ever be
When I let the Saviour's pity
Plead in vain; and proudly answered,
"All of self, and none of Thee!"

Yet He found me; I beheld Him
Bleeding on the accursed tree;
Heard Him pray "Forgive them,
Father!"

And my wistful heart said faintly,
"Some of self, and some of Thee."

Day by day His tender mercy,
Healing, helping, full and free;
Sweet and strong, and, ah! so patient,
Brought me lower, while I whispered,
"None of self, and all of Thee!"

Theodore Monod

CHRIST ALONE

Strange, fantastic claims abound;
You may hear them all around,
Some have visions, trances, dreams,
Others — cunning, subtle schemes;
Golden plates or "Bluish flame,"
"Cosmic rays" — they're all the same;
One thing common do they share:
(You can tell them anywhere);
Works or money you must pay
Else "no help for you" they say.

But when from these frauds we turn,
When for truth and right we yearn,
God will tell you in His Word
That your faintest prayer is heard;
And you'll know there's only one
Who can save "beneath the sun."
All the rest impostors be —
Christ alone can set you free.
He made claims as well. We're sure
His credentials still endure.

No impostor raised the dead,
Made the crippled strong instead,
Stilled a storm and calmed a sea,
Set a demon captive free,
Cleansed the leper from his stain,
Gave His life and rose again.
Only one will qualify
To redeem and justify.

Christ alone can save from sin,
Trust Him now and enter in.

Shel Helsley

WITH HIM

In the dawn of breaking day,
When its first faint rays I see,
I can hear my Saviour say,
"Walk this day with Me."

When I feel the noon day's heat,
I press closer to His side,
There indeed is a retreat,
There in Him, I can abide.

When the sunset tints the West,
And the day is done,
He giveth His beloved rest,
To the weary one.

Julia E. Martin

CHRIST FOR EVERYTHING

Christ for life, and Christ for living,
Christ for health, and Christ for
healing,
Christ for night and Christ for day,
Christ for all along the way;
Christ the all-sufficient Friend;
Christ abiding to the end.

R. A. Belsham

Witnessing — Evangelism

NOTHING BETTER

Is there anything else that is better worth,
As along life's way we plod,
Than to find some wand'ring soul of
earth
And bring him home to God?
I would rather find a soul that is lost,

And bring it home again,
Than to own what all earth's acres cost,
Or all the wealth of men.
Wouldn't I be glad when the day is done
In breathing my last breath,
To know some word of mine had won
And saved a soul from death?

SHINE JUST WHERE YOU ARE

Don't waste your time in longing
For bright, impossible things;
Don't sit supinely yearning
For the swiftness of eagles' wings;

Don't spurn to be a rushlight
Because you are not a star,
But brighten some bit of darkness
By shining just where you are.

There is need of the tiniest candle
As well as the garnish sun;
The humblest deed is ennobled
When it is worthily done;

You may never be called to brighten
The darkened regions afar;
So fill, for the day, your mission
By shining just where you are.

WHILE THE DAYS ARE GOING BY

There are lonely hearts to cherish
While the days are going by;
There are weary souls who perish,
While the days are going by,
If a smile we can renew,
As our journey we pursue,
Oh, the good that we may do,
While the days are going by.

There's no time for idle scorning,
While the days are going by;
Let your face be like the morning,
While the days are going by,
Oh, the world is full of sighs,
Full of sad and weeping eyes;
Help your fallen brothers rise,
While the days are going by.

All the loving links that bind us
While the days are going by;
One by one we leave behind us,
While the days are going by;
But the seeds of good we sow,
Both in shade and shine will grow,
And will keep our hearts aglow,
While the days are going by.

SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business
Your bonds and stocks of gold;
And in all your worldly matters
You are so brave and bold.

But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather
And the crops of corn and wheat.
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street.

You call yourself a Christian
And you like the Gospel plan,
Then why not speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus
And the story of the cross,
That you lower His pure banner
And let it suffer loss?

Have you forgot His sufferings?
Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man.

LIFE'S LITTLE THINGS

'Twas only a cheerful, radiant smile
He flashed as he hurried along;
But his work less arduous seemed that day
For a heart had been filled with song.

'Twas only a helpful, kindly word
He paused to speak to the sad;
Yet his steps were light, his hopes were high,
For a life had been helped — made glad.

'Twas only a song he whistled or sang
As he toiled at his morning's task;
To the stranger it gave new courage and hope,
Had he known — what more could he ask?

'Twas only a silent, earnest prayer
That he breathed to his Lord that hour;
Yet the fainting worker, tired and worn,
Had received new strength and power.

'Twas only a friendly thought of one
Revealed by a word or prayer;
Yet a heart was made more strong and true,
Does it pay, do you think, just to care?

THE SOUL WINNER'S PRAYER

Oh, give me, Lord, Thy love for souls,
For lost and wand'ring sheep,
That I may see the multitudes
And weep as Thou dost weep.
Help me to see the tragic plight
Of souls far off in sin;
Help me to love, to pray, and go
To bring the wand'ring in.

Take Thou some flaming coals,
From off the altar of thy heart
To touch my life and give me, Lord,
A heart that's hot for souls.
O Fire of Love, O Flame Divine,
Make Thy abode in me;
Burn in my heart, burn evermore,
Till I burn out for Thee.

Eugene M. Harrison

NOT ON SUNDAY NIGHT

I love the church that Jesus bought,
And know that it is right;
I go there on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God,
Such worship must be right,
This I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

God bless the preacher too,
And give him power and might,
But put the sinner in his place,
I won't be there Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel too,
It gives me pure delight;
I hear it on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I know I need more strength
To keep me in the fight;
For help I come on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Yes, we all must die,
I hope I will be right,
So may I die on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Witnessing — Evangelism, Worry

PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD EVANGELISM

O Lord, it is not hard to love
The heathen far away,
Who've never heard the blessed Word
The Life, The Truth, the Way;
Whose home is ghastly pagan
With idol worship, Such —
O Lord, our hearts go out to them,
We love them very much.

But 'tis another matter,
The man across the street
Who uses vile language,
And scoffs whene'er we meet,
He deccrates the Lord's Day
And doesn't seem to care.
O Lord, it is for these today
We lift our hearts in prayer.

'Tis true, perhaps they know the Way,
Yet walk in paths of sin,
May we not point the finger
But seek to bring them in.
We need not to show what we have done,
For we have naught to show.
'Tis only Thy great love alone
That these poor souls must know.

O Lord, in this our mission
We fail so miserably;
Forgetting we would be as they
Had it not been for Thee.
O give us greater vision, Lord,
And stir our hearts today
That these be brought into the fold
In Jesus' Name we pray.

Annetta Jansen

PEACE

O for a heart of calm repose
Amid the world's loud roar,
A life that like a river flows
Along a peaceful shore!

Come, Holy Spirit, still my heart
With gentleness divine;
Indwelling peace thou canst impart:
O make that blessing mine!

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe that peace,
That victory make me win;
Then shall my soul her conflict cease,
And find a heaven within.

FEAR NOT

Sow ye by all waters
Where the dew of heaven may fall,
Ye shall reap if ye be not weary,
For the Spirit breathes o'er all.

Fear not, for some will flourish —
And though the tares abound;
Like the willows by the waters,
Will the scattered grain be found.

Work while the daylight lasteth,
Ere the shades of night come on;
Ere the Lord of the vineyard cometh,
And the laborer's work is done.

J. Bullock

Worry — Worship

WORRY

A little hope, a lot of faith,
Are what we need today,
We learn from past experience
That worry does not pay.

We wring our hands and rack our brain
In moments of despair.
But all that worry does for us
Is bring us more gray hair.

For when the things we worry o'er
Are finally understood,
We do not find them half so bad
As first we thought we would.

So should our reason deem it wise,
Our worries we discard,
Then substitute a little hope
And lots of faith in God.

George W. Swarberg

Worship

WAITING FOR THE MORNING

There is no roof in all the world,
Of palace or of cot.
That hideth not some burdened heart
Nigh breaking for its lot!
The earth is filled with pain and tears,
And closer draws the gloom;
And light or balm there can be none
Till Christ the Lord shall come.

My Saviour, who doth know the thirst
The longing spirit feels—
O Bridegroom, now so long afar,
Why stay thy chariot wheels?
Were ever eyes so dim with tears,
Breasts so oppressed with care?
Did ever hearts so yearn to catch
Thy whisper from the air?

Thou lonely one, lift up thy head;
Array thee for the feast;
He that hath tarried long is near;
The glow is in the east!
O Morning Star, so soon to lead
Thy chosen ones away—
O Sun of Righteousness, bring in
The everlasting day.

GOD'S PRESENCE MAKES MY HEAVEN

God's presence makes my heaven;
Earth's treasures fade and flee;
I'm satisfied with Jesus,
He's ev'rything to me.

I know He will not leave me,
Nor yet forsake me here;
I rest upon His promise
And banish ev'ry fear.

God's presence makes my heaven,
My paradise below,
For He Himself is with me
No matter where I go.

I walk and talk with Jesus
Along life's busy way,
For He is ever near me,
My comfort and my stay.

How could I live without Him,
My Saviour, Friend, and Guide!
His presence makes my heaven
And I am satisfied.

Oswald J. Smith.

NO GREATER LOVE

I walked one day on a lonely road,
My soul in deep despair.
I sought in vain to loose the load,
That sin, my sin, had planted there.

When in the distance I perceived,
A man bent low with care.
He bore in agony a cross,
That sin, my sin, had planted there.

I cried aloud as He drew near,
His hands were pierced and torn.
His grief so far outweighed my own,
And I had dared to mourn.

His eyes of love were turned on me,
His voice was soft and free.
“Why bear you still the load I took,
Through death on Calvary?”

“Why, Lord,” in awe and shame I cried,
“Didst Thou all this for me?”
His answer I shall ne’er forget,
“Because of love for thee.”

Now as the road of time I tread,
My Saviour walks with me.
He bears the load, He paid the price,
That bought me liberty.

O HOW I LOVE THY LAW

O how I love Thy holy law !
‘Tis daily my delight;
And thence my meditations draw
Divine advice by night.

How doth Thy Word my heart engage !
How well employ my tongue,
And in my tiresome pilgrimage
Yields me a heavenly song.

When nature sinks, and spirits droop,
Thy promises of grace
Are pillars to support my hope,
And there I write Thy praise.

Isaac Watts

GOD IS WITH ME

On the sea or in the air
God is with me ev’rywhere,
He will never let me go
For I know He loves me so;
Ev’ry day and ev’ry hour
He will keep me by His pow’r.

Oswald J. Smith

BLESSED NEARNESS

The calm of heaven rests upon my heart
When I behold the scenes of nature’s art.
There is an unseen presence that
pervades

The splendor of the mountains, fields,
and glades.

It is a thing sublime to know God lives
So close to His creation that He gives
The feeling that you’re walking hand
in hand
With Him who made things beautiful and
grand.

I walk with reverent step these quiet ways
Where every thought is lifted up in
praise.
His blessed nearness makes my spirit
whole
And lingers like sweet fragrance in my
soul.

Mary Bullock

Youth

THE FOUR CALLS

The Spirit came in *Childhood*
And pleaded, "Let Me in";
But O the door was bolted
And barred by childish sin.
This child said, "I'm too little;
There's time enough for me;
Today, I cannot open."
The Spirit went away.

Again, He came and pleaded,
In *Youth's* bright, happy hour;
He called, but heard no answer;
For, fettered in sin's power
The youth lay, idly dreaming,
And crying, "Not today;
For I must have some pleasure!"
Again, He turned away.

He came again, in mercy,
In *manhood's* vigorous prime;
But still could find no welcome;
The merchant had no time
To spare for true repentance,
No time to praise and pray;
And thus repulsed and saddened,
The Spirit turned away.

Once more, He called — and waited;
The man was *old* and sad;
He scarcely heard the whisper —
His heart was scarred and bad.
"Go! leave, until I need Thee;

I'll send for Thee," he cried —
Then, sinking on his pillow,
Without a hope, he died.

Lydia Hadley

HAVE COURAGE, MY BOY, TO SAY, NO

You're starting, my boy, on life's journey,
Along the grand highway of life,
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,
Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement —
There's danger wherever you go;
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say, No!

The bright, ruby wine may be offered —
No matter how tempting it be,
From poison it stings like an adder,
My boy, have courage to flee.
The billiard saloons are inviting,
Decked out in their tinsel and show,
But if you are tempted to enter —
Have courage, my boy, to say, No.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin;
Your trust in the Heavenly Father
Will keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptation will keep on increasing
As streams from a rivulet flow;
But if you'd be true to your manhood,
Have courage, my boy, to say, No!

GOD'S CALL

Shall I spend the days of my youth in pride,
And leave no longing of life denied;
Shall I heap to myself an earthly treasure,
And worship before the throne of pleasure,
Ambition, and hope, and life are mine,
And dreams as bright as the stars that shine.
With empty glamor the world allures,
The devil beckons, the flesh conjures.
Shall I close my heart to the God of Truth,
And leave Him out of my years of youth,
Then when I have wasted away the best,
Return to the Father and offer the rest;
A shattered vessel, a few short years,
A life made bitter by selfish fears?

Since God so loved that He gave His all,
Shall I give less when I hear His call?

Oh, no, Lord Jesus, while I am young
To teach Thy Word will I give my tongue;
My feet to follow where Thou shalt lead,
My hands to labor for Thee indeed;
And all ambition my heart has known;
I yield to Thee, to be Thine alone.
The plans that selfishly I have made,
With hopes and dreams are before Thee laid.
A faithful steward I long to be
Over any talent entrusted me,
That when I face the eternal Son
And He sees His fruit, He may say,
“Well done.”
Oh, take my heart, my life, my all —
I have heard Thy voice, I have met Thy call.

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